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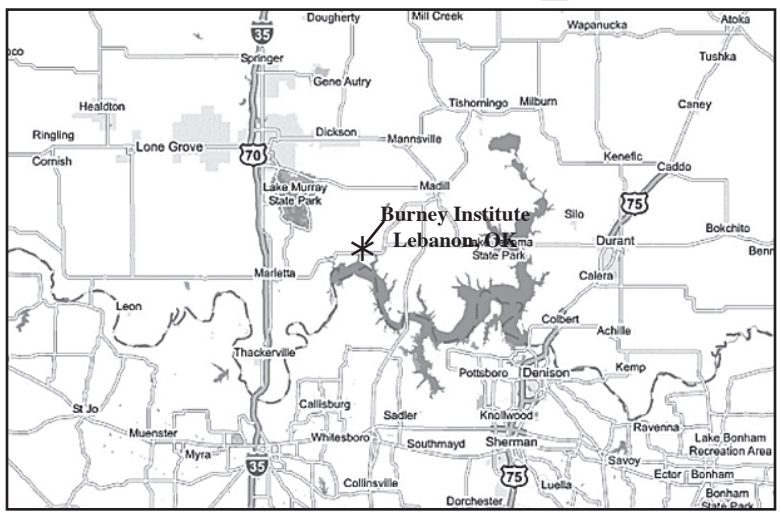
Tribe to acquire historic Burney Institute



LEBANON, Okla. - A jewel of Chickasaw history is soon to return to its rightful place with the Chickasaw Nation.

The peaceful acres of woods and pasture lands that contain the historic Burney Institute, a school for Chickasaw boys and girls, and later for Chickasaw children orphaned during the War Between the States, have been purchased by the tribe.

Established by an 1854 Act of the Chickasaw Council, Burney Institute was the boarding school for scores of Chickasaw children through about 1910. The boys learned agriculture and horticulture; the girls homemaking, sewing, knitting, cooking and housekeeping. All, according to Chronicles of Oklahoma, were provided "first class instruction of finished English education."

For many Chickasaws, the Burney Institute is a treasured link to a storied past.

"We are very pleased this historic piece of the Chickasaw story is returning to our tribe," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "Many Chickasaws living today have ancestors who lived, worked and attended school at Burney. Burney represents the tribe's historic commitment to education, and to its children."

Legislation approving the purchase of Burney and its 176 acres near the Red River was unanimously passed by the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature during a November special session. Tribal land committee chairman Dr. Judy Goforth Parker shepherded the legislation, which was brought forward by Gov. Anoatubby.

"Very rarely, if ever, have we had the opportunity to acquire something like this that has such incredible historic value to the Chickasaw Nation," Dr. Parker said.

A tour of the Burney buildings convinced Parker the property should return to the Chickasaw Nation.

"Just walking in, we felt the sense of history," she said. "It was designed to last through the ages. It demonstrated to me that Chickasaws planned for the future, and a very big part of that future was education."

Burney Institute is located approximately one and one-half miles east of Lebanon, Oklahoma near State Highway 32 in

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Tribal legislator Mitch Sperry dies

ARDMORE, Okla. - Mitchell Sperry, a Chickasaw Tribal Legislator representing Pickens District, died unexpectedly early Wednesday, Dec. 21.

Mr. Sperry, 45, apparently died of a heart attack.

He had just been elected to his first term as a legislator during August tribal elections. He also served as Oklahoma district attorney for the 20th District, which includes Ardmore.

"This loss is a shock and extremely sudden," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "Mitch was a

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MITCH SPERRY

Motor Inn to be razed, Artesian to rise in Sulphur

Demolition of the Chickasaw Motor Inn, slated for mid-January, 2006, marks a new era in the development of Chickasaw Nation businesses.

In 1972, when the Chickasaw Nation purchased the facility, it was the first business owned and operated by the tribe.

"It was the beginning of our long-range goals of eventually becoming self sufficient," said former Governor Overton James, who was serving at the time of the purchase. "We needed to get into profit making activities so we could be self sufficient."

In 1972, the Chickasaw Nation purchased what was then known as the Artesian Hotel and changed the name to the Chickasaw Motor Inn.

After the Economic Development Association foreclosed on the property, they advised interested parties to submit sealed bids for purchase of the property.

A bid of $139,000 by the Chickasaw Nation earned the tribe the right to purchase the facility.

CHICKASAW MOTOR INN

"For $139,000 we probably got a 400 to 500 thousand dollar asset," said Gov. James. "Of course it needed some remodel-

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REGULAR SESSION
David Stout Building
Ada, Oklahoma
November 18, 2005

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Scott Colbert called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Mitch Sperry, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: James A. Humes, Wilma Watson, Mike Watson, Melvin Stoner, Kathleen, Stoner, Sue Simmons, Juanita Tate, Tom Bolitho, Tony Choate, RonFrazier, Jessie Kemp, Sharon Nelson, Deanna Hartley Kelso

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - October 21, 2005

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs to approve the October 21, 2005 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tim Colbert.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Mitch Sperry, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

13 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of October 21, 2005, carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Steve Woods

General Resolution Number 23-019, Resolution in Support of American Military

Personnel and Veterans

This resolution honors those individuals who are serving or have served in the armed forces of the United States. It thanks them for their dedicated sacrifices that we all may live free.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods to approve GR23-019. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Mitch Sperry, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-019 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 23-020, Requesting an Accounting of Chickasaw Nation Trust Assets and Funds from The United States Government

This resolution formally requests Governor Anoatubby to request an accounting from the federal government regarding the Chickasaw Nation trust assets and funds which are under the management of the federal government. The tribes are entitled to such an accounting under the 1994 Trust Reform Act and, to date, the Chickasaw Nation has not received any such accounting for its trust assets and funds. This resolution further requests the Governor to take any action necessary in order to: (1) obtain the accounting of assets and funds the Nation is entitled to, and has not yet received, and (2) to pursue any necessary action to protect trust assets and funds or seek compensation for potential mismanagement of trust assets and funds, should the information obtained indicate such has taken place. The statute of limitations is set to run out on December 31, 2005.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods to approve GR23-020. The motion was seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Mitch Sperry, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-020 carried unanimously.

Mr. Woods concluded his report.

(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Linda Briggs

No report.

(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Dean McManus

No report.

(D) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Judy Goforth Parker

General Resolution Number 23-009, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Johnston County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted, containing 0.17 acres, more or less. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR23-009. The motion was seconded by Ms. McManus.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Mitch Sperry, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-009 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 23-011, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Murray County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Sulphur, Murray County, Oklahoma, containing 351.52 acres, more or less, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR23-011. The motion was seconded by Ms. McManus.

Members voting yes:

Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Mitch Sperry, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

10 yes votes

Members voting no: Beth Alexander, Mooniene Ogee, Wilson Seawright

3 no votes

The motion to approve GR23-011 carried.

General Resolution Number 23-012, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Murray County, Oklahoma

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Murray County, Oklahoma, containing 1.92 acres together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous. Property is to be utilized as a satellite maintenance office.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR23-012. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Mitch Sperry, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

13 yes votes

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New Year a good time to reflect on our cherished sovereignty

By BILL ANOATUBBY
Governor
Chickasaw Nation

As we begin a new year, it is appropriate for us to remind ourselves of our common mission as Chickasaw people, and as the Chickasaw Nation.

Now is a good time to recall that our tribal nation was established and functioning as a government long before the time of European contact. Chickasaw communities had well-established routines and duties assigned to the many members of the tribe. Our communities functioned efficiently and well, and that was the result of generations of developing a tribal government that worked.

This history of tribal structure and government is the basis of our enduring tribal sovereignty. It is the key to our independence and self-governance. We have survived and developed as a tribe with a distinct heritage, which includes many hundreds of years of governing ourselves and caring for our people.

Since the establishment of the United States, the Chickasaw Nation has been recognized as a sovereign entity within this country. That is a unique and historic designation. We were sovereign before the country was founded, and we have continued to be sovereign after its establishment.

Of course, the road has not always been straight and true. U.S. federal Indian policy has, as we all know, taken some wild and frightening detours along the way. Our Chickasaw ancestors suffered greatly from this whipsaw policy. Our ancestors endured displacement and virtual abandonment in a new land. They suffered all the human disappointments and tragedies that go with such a wrenching event.

Gov. Bill Anoatubby

But, as we know from our history, they refused to give up. And that great tenacity, that incredible commitment to families, friends and fellow Chickasaws, is the bedrock upon which our sovereignty endured. Even after our people established themselves in the new Indian Territory, attempts to dissolve our tribe, and others, persisted. But despite all the pressure to quit, the Chickasaw people and the Chickasaw Nation survived.

Recognized by the federal government and the U.S. courts as sovereign, it then became our goal to achieve self-sufficiency as a people. Again, we encountered countless obstacles. We knew we must achieve a level of economic independence if we were to properly care for the Chickasaw people. We wanted to offer all Chickasaws the opportunities they deserved.

I am so very pleased to report that we have come a good way down that good road. We are building an excellent economic base for our tribe, and with that base we are strengthening our tribal sovereignty. We are directing our resources into the programs and services that keep the Chickasaw people strong – education, housing, health care, nutrition, employment, personal and family development, elders and youth, and so much more. We are providing the essential elements Chickasaw families have always counted on, from the days long before Removal, to the present.

Our common mission is simple – to improve the lives of the Chickasaw people. This is the very same mission our tribal government has maintained for centuries. Through the sacrifices of the Chickasaws who have come before us, our sovereignty has been preserved. Now, the Chickasaw people will reach new heights. And their tribal government, nurtured throughout the centuries, is there to support them.

It has not been an easy road. It has often been long and torturous. But keeping our tribal sovereignty alive and strong has been worth the many sacrifices made.

This new year is a good time to remind ourselves of our history, and what is truly important to us as Chickasaws. We remain, as always, the unconquered and unconquerable Chickasaw Nation.

Health System recognized by state for excellence

Chickasaw Nation Health System Administrator Bill Lance, left, and Oklahoma Gov. Brad Henry during a recent Turning Point Council Meeting in Oklahoma City where CNHS was recognized with an award of excellence by the Oklahoma Healthy Business Program.

OKLAHOMA CITY - The Chickasaw Nation Health System (CNHS) was honored with a certificate of excellence from the Oklahoma Department of Health Certified Healthy Business Program during the recent Turning Point Council meeting in Oklahoma City.

A certificate of excellence was awarded to businesses ranked in the top 10 percent of applicants to the Certified Healthy Business Program, which recognizes profit and non-profit businesses that are working to improve Oklahoma's health status by providing health and wellness opportunities for their employees.

Turning Point is a public-private collaboration designed to improve the health of Oklahomans through public health partnerships in communities throughout the state. Gov. Brad Henry announced a new state employee wellness program, OK Health, designed to meet state employees' individual health needs and goals.

During a brief discussion after the meeting CNHS Administrator Bill Lance complimented Gov. Henry on his leadership.

"We appreciate your leadership in this wellness initiative," said Lance. "We're proud to be a partner with you and look forward to continue working with you to promote wellness in the state."

Gov. Henry indicated his appreciation for the Chickasaw Nation's efforts.

"We're proud to have you as a partner," said Gov. Henry. "It doesn't work unless we have the tribes involved. You are huge employers throughout the state, too. We need your help. We need your involvement. We need your creativity and your resources and everything you bring to the table."

Gov. Henry also asked participants to join his A Strong and Healthy Oklahoma initiative that includes working with Oklahoma communities in an effort to make Oklahoma the healthiest state in the nation.

As an example he cited the community health program "Walk this Weigh," a successful walking program designed to get Oklahomans moving at least 30 minutes, five times per week.

Dr. Dean Ornish, best-selling author of five books including "Dr. Dean Ornish's Program for Reversing Heart Disease," discussed his lifestyle modification program that focuses on (1) a very low-fat, whole foods diet; (2) moderate aerobic exercise; (3) stress management techniques; and (4) importance of support groups.

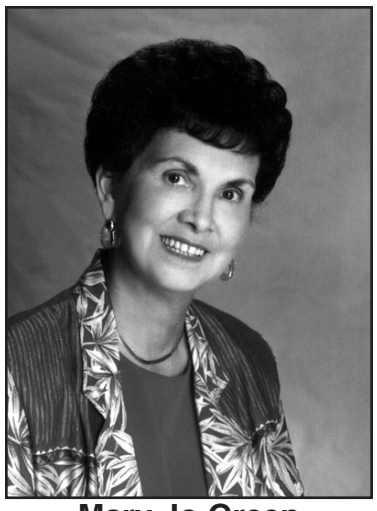
In his work as founder, president and director of the Preventive Medicine Research Institute in Sausalito, Calif., Dr. Ornish has found that coronary heart disease in both women and men may be prevented or even reversed by making comprehensive lifestyle changes.

OKCMCCC schedules January meeting

The Oklahoma City Metro Chickasaw Community Council will set the calendar of events and establish guest speakers for the year at the first 2006 meeting scheduled for Jan. 3. In announcing the agenda, Chair Linda Giles said, "Input from our council is invaluable in scheduling speakers and specific programs for the year. Through member involvement we can provide topics of greater interest to our Council and schedule subjects that meet our group's specific needs. We expect a large attendance for this important meeting."

Monthly meetings are the first Tuesday of the month, beginning at 7 p.m. at the OKCMCCC building at 3301 East Reno in Oklahoma City. For more information call (405) 204-0536 or visit the OKCMCCC website at www.okc-chickasawcouncil.org

Over 26,000 flu shots delivered



Mary Jo Green
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Chairman of the Health Care Committee! Happy New Year and I hope that all of you enjoyed a joyous Christmas with family and friends. I enjoyed my time with family and am looking forward to 2006; however, it seems as if the days and years are passing by faster and faster.

Kudos to the 21 GED recipients of 2005! We are proud that you studied hard and completed the course. We give our best wishes and our support to the 233 current GED participants.

We are happy to report that Dr. Neill Taylor has been hired in the Women's Clinic at Carl Albert an will begin work in February. Dr. Taylor brings a distinguished resume and we are very pleased to have him on the staff.

All of us who are diabetic have the opportunity to attend a 16-session course in regard to diabetes prevention for all of our citizens who are high risk. Thanks to the Health System for providing the course.

The Health System has provided over 26,000 flu shots to date. We have more vaccine so it is not too late to get yours.

Bill Lance, Health System Administrator, provided the following information: In the month of November, 2005, there were 215 hospitalizations at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. The number of outpatient visits at Carl Albert was 13,337. November Emergency Room visits were 1,090. November saw 233 surgeries and the Same-day Clinic saw 2,839 patients.

The Family Practice Clinic in Ada saw 4,125 patients in November. The Ardmore Clinic saw 2,732 patients and the Tishomingo Clinic saw 2,051. The Durant Clinic saw 2,593 patients and the Purcell Clinic saw 1,494.

I would love to hear from you! Please contact me through my email address mary.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of the Chickasaw Times and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site. Until next month, thank you.

Committee Reports

Education Committee
Dec. 5, 2005
Present: Wanda Blackwood Scott, Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Wilson Seawright

Finance Committee
Dec. 5, 2005
Present: Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Dec. 12, 2005
Present: Linda Briggs, Holly Easterlling, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Health Committee
Dec. 5, 2005
Present: Mary Jo Green, Beth Alexander, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Scott Colbert
Absent: Tim Colbert

Human Resources Committee
Dec. 5, 2005
Present: Dean McManus, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Mooniene Ogee, Scott Colbert
Absent: Mitch Sperry

Land Development Committee
Dec. 1, 2005
Present: Judy Goforth Parker, Beth Alexander, Mary Jo Green, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert
Absent: Mitch Sperry

Legislative Committee
Dec. 5, 2005
Present: Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Steve Woods
Absent: Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Mitch Sperry, Scott Colbert

Tribal Historic & Cultural Preservation Committee
Present: Wilson Seawright, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Scott Colbert
Absent: Tim Colbert

Land acquisitions moving along; Duncan purchase a step ahead

Dr. Judy Goforth Parker
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Greetings to you, the Chickasaw Nation, from near and far, Oklahoma, and abroad. I know that we are in every state and many foreign countries. Many of our members are fighting in a war on foreign soil that is believed to be for the better good of man. I appreciate the sacrifices that you and your families are making.

We are at a new place, a new year, and I am here to wish you the best. I invite you to contact me in this year. Log on the our web site and see what is going on in the Chickasaw Nation. As a Nation, we are moving in new and positive directions, and I look forward to sharing with you as we continue into 2006.

Over the past year, many exciting events have taken place. At times our progress may seem slow, and then there is a breakthrough . . . that which we have hoped for is a reality. Purchasing land in the Duncan area was one such event. As a Duncan senior citizen, Jon Reading, and I visited a recent event, we had thought that perhaps we would never see our dreams come true, yet it looks as if a campus in the Duncan area is a reality as you can tell from the legislation we voted on this month. Jon and I discussed the activities of seniors in the Duncan area. I suspect that there are pockets of Chickasaws meeting together all over the nation. If you are, please let us know in the Legislature. We would like to hear from you. I leave you with wishes for a prosperous New Year.

Judy Goforth Parker
Chickasaw Legislator
Pontotoc District, Seat 2

2004-2005 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

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December 2005 Resolutions

General Resolution Number 23-021

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, described as The S/2 S/2 S/2 NE/4 NW/4, LESS AND EXCEPT the West 900 feet thereof, in Section 28, Township 4 North, Range 6 East, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of said S/2 S/2 S/2 NE/4 NW/4; thence N 89°21'05" W along the South line of said tract a distance of 418.29 feet; thence N 00°20'11" W a distance of 164.28 feet; thence S 89°21'58" E a distance of 419.25 feet; thence S 00°00'00" E along the East line of said S/2 S/2 S/2 NE/4 NW/4 a distance of 164.28 feet to the point of beginning, containing 1.58 acres, more or less together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Property Location: Adjacent North of the Housing Annex Building, 1705 N. Broadway, Ada, Oklahoma.

Use: To be utilized as future expansion of the Housing Annex.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented By: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman, Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Mitch Sperry, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 23-022

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, described as: The SE/4 SW/4 NW/4 and that part of the SW/4 SE/4 NW/4 lying West of the West right-of-way line of the abandoned A. T. & S. F. Railroad and that part of the NE/4 SW/4 lying West of the West right-of-way line of the abandoned A. T. & S. F. Railroad and North of the North right-of-way line of Seabrook Road and a part of the NW/4 SW/4, all in Section 21, Township 4 North, Range 6 East, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the NW/4 SW/4 of said Section 21, T4N, R6E; thence N 00°00'34"W along the West line of Section 21 a distance of 480.55 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing N 00°00'34"W a distance of 839.68 feet to the Northwest corner of said NW/4 SW/4; thence S89°58'09'E a distance of 659.43 feet to the Southwest corner of the SE/4 SW/4 NW/4; thence N 00°00'28" W a distance of 659.76 feet to the Northwest corner of said SE/4 SW/4 NW/4; thence S 89°58'30" E a distance of 842.65 feet to a point on the Westerly right-of-way line of the abandoned A. T. & S. F. Railroad; thence S 31°00'25"E along said right-of-way line a distance of 2091.84 feet to a point on the West right-ofway line of State Highway No. 99; thence S 00°00'25"W a distance of 44.67 feet to a point on the North right-of-way line of Seabrook Road; thence Westerly along said North right-of-way line of Seabrook as follows: N89°53'45"W a distance of 2.21 feet; thence Westerly along a curve to the right, having a radius of 445.0l feet for a distance of 135.96 feet (chord bearing of N81°08'31"W and chord distance of 135.44); thence Westerly along a curve to the left, having a radius of 673.05 feet for a distance of 414.57 feet (chord bearing of S88°18'25"W and chord distance of 408.05 feet); thence Westerly along a curve to the right, having a radius of 1375.50 feet for a distance of 428.72 feet (chord bearing of S81°14'48"W and chord distance of 426.99 feet); thence N 89°49'25"W a distance of 198.35 feet; thence Westerly along a curve to the left, having a radius of 1767.72 feet for a distance of 418.48 feet (chord bearing of S89°41'36"W and chord distance of 417.51 feet); thence S76°36'45"W a distance of 62.62 feet; thence Westerly along a curve to the right, having a radius of 1177.14 feet for a distance of 279.84 feet (chord bearing of S82°57'06"W and chord distance of 279.18 feet); thence N 89°46' W a distance of 194.68 feet; thence leaving said North right-of-way line N 00°00'34"W a distance of 479.02 feet; thence N 89°45'18' W a distance of 466.69 feet to the point of beginning, containing 75.52 acres, more or less together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted.

The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Property Location: On the North side of Seabrook Road, opposite the Wellness Center, Ada, Oklahoma.

Use: To be utilized as an outdoor sports and recreation complex.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented By: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairman Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Mitch Sperry, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 23-023

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, described as: A part of N/2 of the SE/4 of the NW/4 of Section 28, Township 4 North, Range 6 East, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point 80 feet South of the Northeast corner of said N/2 of the SE/4 of the NW/4; thence West a distance of 242.2 feet; thence South a distance of 40 feet; thence West a distance of 26 feet; thence North a distance of 30 feet; thence West a distance of 537.23 feet; thence South a distance of 209.44 feet; thence East a distance of 366.2 feet; thence South a distance of 9.5 feet; thence East a distance of 356.88 feet; thence North a distance of 9.5 feet; thence East a distance of 56.1 feet; thence North a distance of 248.59 feet to the point of beginning, containing 4.02 acres, more or less together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Property Location: 1629 North Broadway

Use: Office building currently in use as Housing Annex.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

The Chickasaw Nation

Presented By: Judy Goforth Parker, Chairperson Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Mitch Sperry, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 23-024

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Stephens County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Duncan, Stephens County, Oklahoma, described as the West 6 acres of the SW/4 of SE/4 of SE/4 of Section 19, Township 1 North, Range 7 West of Base Line and Indian Meridian, Stephens County, Oklahoma, being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of said SW/4 of SE/4 of SE/4; thence N00°00'27"W along the West line of said SW/4 of SE/4 of SE/4 a distance of 659.54 feet; thence N89°55'30"E along the North line of said SW/4 of SE/4 of SE/4 a distance of 395.76 feet; thence S00°00'00"E a distance of 659.88 feet; thence S 89°58'29"W along the South line of Section 19 a distance of 395.67 feet to the point of beginning, containing 6.0 acres, more or less together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Property Location: 1909 Plato Road, Duncan, Oklahoma.

Use: To be utilized as the Duncan Senior Site.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented By: Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Chairperson Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Mitch Sperry, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 23-025

Gubernatorial Appointment - Chickasaw Nation Election Commission

Ms. Billie Easterling

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Ms. Billie Easterling to fill the at-large seat on the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission, becoming effective on January 1, 2006, and ending on December 31, 2008.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented By: Dean McManus, Chairman Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Mitch Sperry, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Abstain: Holly Easterling

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ing and renovation."

A $210,000 grant from the BIA was used to renovate and remodel the facility.

Tribal officials also made careful plans to accommodate for the seasonal nature of the business, which had been a primary factor in the failure of the previous owners.

With appropriate renovations and a new business plan, the Motor Inn quickly became a profit-making venture for the Chickasaw Nation, earning approximately $100,000 for the tribe in its first year of operation.

Through more than three decades in business, the Motor Inn has undergone additional renovations and upgrades.

"Revenues have varied some through the years, but over time, the Motor Inn has proved to be a very good investment," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby.

In addition to being the first tribal business, the facility also served as a headquarters of sorts.

A bath house, which was a primary attraction of the facility when it was opened by the previous owners, was no longer profitable when the tribe purchased the property.

"We didn't feel that would be profitable to spend a lot of money restoring the baths, so we used that space and created an office space," said Gov. James. "Those were the first tribal offices that we had."

At the time there were approximately 25 tribal employees.

As the tribe began to offer more programs and services, lack of office space became a serious issue.

"The CHR program was the biggest program we had at that time," said Gov. James. "Their office was there, but all of them were field workers and they didn't have to office in there. But it was way too small for us, because we couldn't even begin to house everything that we needed to, so we had to establish a headquarters somewhere."

By 1977, when the number of tribal employees had grown to more than 50, the Chickasaw Nation established a tribal headquarters at the present location in Ada.

Since that time, the Chickasaw Motor Inn has continued in operation, serving as one of the most familiar landmarks in the area.

Now, that familiar landmark is coming down to make way for another.

Construction of a new Artesian Hotel on the site will mark a new era for Chickasaw Nation, as the tribe makes a concerted effort to expand its hospitality businesses, building on the site where it all began.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Classic Artesian Hotel to be built in Sulphur

The original Artesian Hotel at Sulphur, Okla.

Artist rendering of the new Artesian Hotel in downtown Sulphur, Okla.

SULPHUR, Okla. - Construction of a new Artesian Hotel in downtown Sulphur is slated to begin soon.

This new hotel will bear a striking resemblance to the historic landmark which drew many famous visitors to downtown Sulphur for more than five decades.

"Situated near the Chickasaw Recreation Area and the new Chickasaw Cultural Center, the Artesian Hotel will be an important part of our overall effort to promote tourism in southern Oklahoma," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "Construction of this hotel could well mark the beginning of a new era in tourism in southern Okalahoma."

Completed in 1906, the original Artesian's distinctive architecture and ornate lobby made it a natural draw for movie stars such as John Wayne, Roy Rogers, Dale Evans and others who filmed movies on location in Oklahoma in the heydey of movie Westerns.

In addition to serving as summer capitol for Oklahoma's first governor, C.N. Haskell, the hotel also hosted prominent national politician William Jennings Bryan during the height of his popularity.

Design of the new building will retain the distinctive turret-like towers on the front corners of the building which gave the original hotel a look unique in southern Oklahoma.

Special guest suites will extend into the towers to afford guests a panoramic view of the city and portions of the Chickasaw National Recreation Area.

Architects have also worked to create a lobby reminiscent of the famous original, which included items from the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair.

With completion of the Artesian scheduled to coincide with the opening of the new Chickasaw Cultural Center, the new hotel will provide accommodations for many Cultural Center guests.

Aggressive marketing of the Cultural Center could draw up to 200,000 or more guests annually to the facility, which will offer multi-media exhibits, theater, educational programs, conferences, special events, traveling exhibits and much more.

"This new hotel will be a natural complement to the Cultural Center," said Gov. Anoatubby. "We expect many of the guests who visit the Cultural Center will want to extend their cultural and historic experience by staying in a hotel which evokes memories of the glory days the area enjoyed during early statehood."

Artist rendering of the new Artesian Hotel.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

School filled tribal need in new land

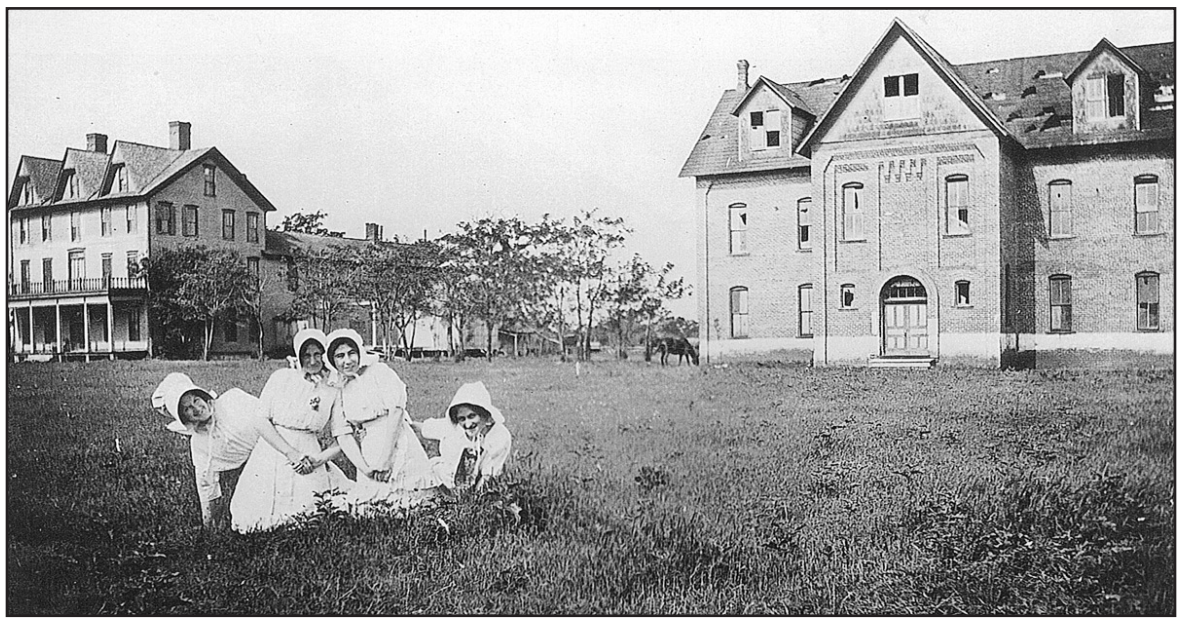
Chickasaw emphasis on education inspired Burney Institute

Education was of great importance to the Chickasaw people. After Removal to Indian Territory, Chickasaws went to work to establish schools for their children in this new land. Requests were made of the federal government during the 1840s to erect schools in the Chickasaw District, but the response was slow or nonexistent.

The tribe soon turned to religious denominations, some of which had been active missionaries in the homelands. By 1852, the Chickasaw Manual Labor Academy was established under the direction of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1854, Bloomfield Academy for Girls was opened, followed by Colbert Institute and Wapanucka Academy. All were Methodist Episcopal except Wapanucka, which was under the direction of the Cumberland Presbyterians.

The Cumberlands were active early in the Chickasaw homelands with the mission station Charity Hall, established in 1820 on the east side of the Tombigbee River. The station closed in 1830 as Removal commenced. But the same man who served at Charity Hall, Rev. Robert S. Bell, would serve as the first superintendent of Burney Institute in the new Chickasaw Nation. The tribe had turned to the Cumberlands for help in establishing and operating the new school.

The Burney Institute was named for the Chickasaw Burney family, which settled Burneyville, Indian Territory in 1845. The family, traveling from its homelands home in 1844 to the new land, stopped in Shreveport, Louisiana, where Mrs. Burney gave birth to Benjamin Cooks Burney. This child would grow up to become Governor of the Chickasaw Nation from 1878-1880.



This undated photo shows four girls in the foreground with Burney Institute school on the right, the three-story frame dormitory on the left.

Burney opened in 1860 as a school for Chickasaw girls. The Cumberlands funded the school's operations until late in the Civil War years. After the war and during Reconstruction, the school operated intermittently. The school reopened in 1872, this time welcoming both male and female students.

In 1887, Gov. Byrd, along with the Chickasaw Legislature, changed the name of the school to the Chickasaw Orphans Home and Manual Labor School. Boys were taught agriculture and girls homemaking, but English and literature were apparently also part of the curriculum.

The original frame school building burned in 1895, but was replaced by a two-story brick structure in 1896.

Care for Chickasaw orphans and instruction for students continued until about 1910, when the school closed.

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Marshall County. The historic property contains the two-story brick school, plus the first floor of the three-floor school dormitory. The dormitory has been converted into a living quarters, but the school building is much as it was at the end of the 19th Century. Restoration of the buildings is planned.

Initiated by the Chickasaw Council in 1854 with total funding of $3,000, another appropriation of $5,000 in 1857 was required to complete the school. Burney Institute, named for a Chickasaw family who settled nearby, opened in 1860. Originally a school for Chickasaw girls and classic education, the school, in 1872, accepted Chickasaw boys for education. The school was affiliated with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, which supplied its original superintendent and teacher, Rev. Robert Bell and his wife, Lucy James Bell.

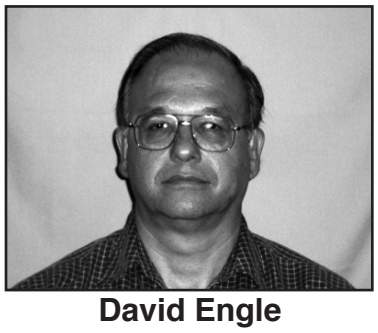
A frame construction dormitory was added to the south of the school. It consisted of 18 rooms, each with a central fireplace. The kitchen and dining areas were on the first floor, where the girls also lived. On the second floor were the teachers, and the boys lived on the third floor and in the attic.

The school was reopened in 1887 as the Chickasaw Orphans Home and Manual Labor School. The facility was home to 60 orphans, and school began the first Monday of each October. In 1895, the original school building burned and was replaced by the current brick structure.

The school continued in operation until about 1910. The property was sold at public auction to the L.E. Wood family in 1914.

Chickasaw Tribal Legislators, from left, Mooniene Ogee, Dean McManus, Holly Easterling, Linda Briggs, Mary Jo Green and Judy Goforth Parker visit Burney Institute.

Engle honored for support of mental health services



David Engle

Chickasaw Nation employee David Engle was recently honored by Mental Health and Substance Abuse Centers of Southern Oklahoma for "his tireless efforts to improve the lives of the mentally ill."

Rick Van Hersh, Executive Director of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Centers of Southern Oklahoma, said Engle has been a very valuable resource.

"His support has enabled us to make valuable contact in the community," said Van Hersh. "He is a knowledgeable leader in the field of mental health treatment."

Engle is a resource development coordinator in the Ardmore area office.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw words & Phrases

New Year –Afammi Himona
Today is New Year's Day
Himmaka nittak at Afammi Himona

Black eye peas—bala ishkin losa
Black eye peas are good
Bala ishkin losa at chokma.

Cabbage—Tohi
Do you want some cabbage?
Tohi chi banna?

Snowing—oktosha
It is snowing.
Oktosha/oktoshot hikiy'ya.

Snow—okti
The snow is deep.
Okti at hofobi

Rain—omba
It rain today.
Himmak nittak at omba tok.

Snowbird—okti foshi
There are lots of snowbirds.
Foshi okti at lawa.

Snowman—okti hattak
The snowman is starting to melt.
Okti hattak at bilot ishtaya.

Cold—kapassa
It is cold today.
Himmaka nittak at kapassa

Warm—lashpa
It is warm today.
Himmaka nittak at lashpa.

Chickasaw Children's Choir enjoys Moscow ensemble

ADA, Okla. - Members of the Chickasaw Children's Choir (CCC) recently had the honor of attending a concert by the Moscow Boys Choir. The boys choir was in Ada to present a special holiday program as part of its United States Tour.

The CCC was able to experience this unique performance through efforts made by the Ada Arts and Humanities Council to bring the prestigious choir to the area. Council Member and Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities Division Administrator Lona Barrick arranged for the choirs to meet prior to the concert.

As a goodwill gift, Ms. Barrick and CCC members presented the Moscow Boys Choir with copies of the "Chickasaw Adventures" comic book series and Bedre' chocolates.

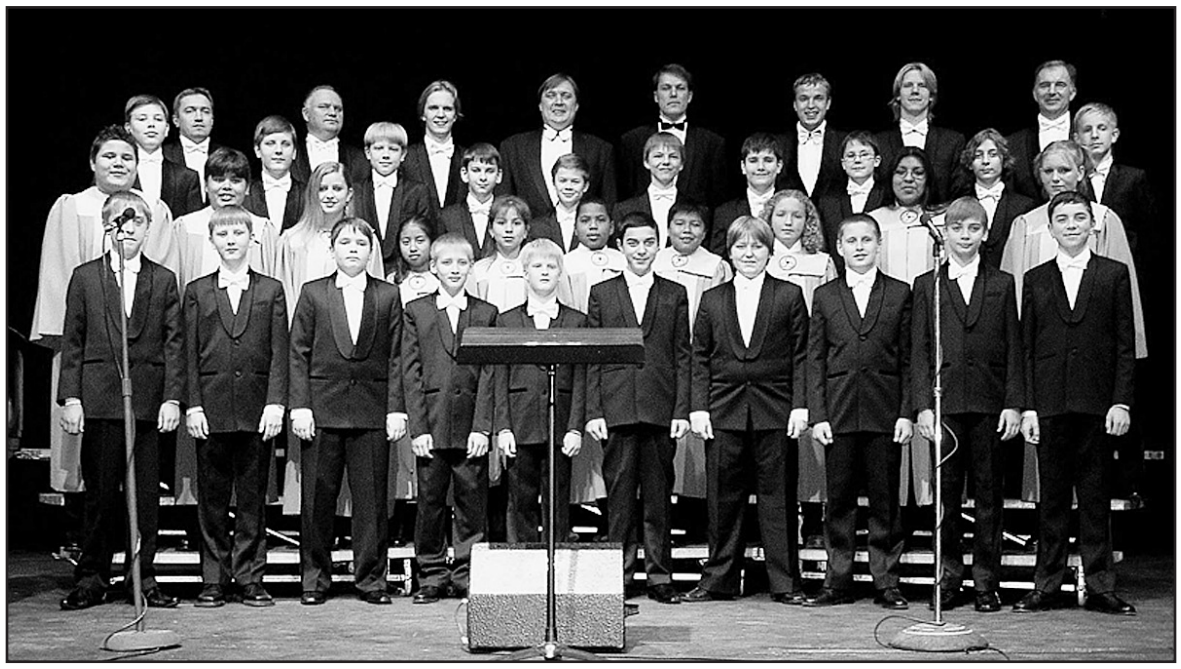
Courtney Parchcorn, a 16-year-old CCC member who attended, said the concert was "different" but she enjoyed it.

Parchcorn said that attending the concert was a learning experience.

"It was good for the younger members of our choir to hear other choirs," she said, "so we can be well-rounded."

She added, "To hear different languages in song, especially to hear Russian, it was just awesome."

The Moscow Boys Choir made its first ever stop in Ada. The choir has performed all across the U.S., Russia, Canada, South Korea, France, Germany, Italy, Belgium and Holland.



The Chickasaw Children's Choir members were able to experience the Moscow Boys Choir in concert recently in Ada. Prior to the holiday performance, the choirs posed together for photos.

Business performance aids capital projects, tribal programs

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include sales taxes from the businesses, motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the election commission, maintenance and operations of tribal property, Chickasaw Times and Governor's and Lt. Governor's offices. Expenditure for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Depreciation has not been computed on the Fixed Assets of the governmental funds for the current year. Depreciation will be computed after year end in connection with the audit.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending November 30, 2005

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations totaled $3.2 million for the month and $14.1 million year-to-date. Expenditures for the month were $2.3 million and $4.0 year-to-date. There has been a total, beginning in fiscal year 2005, of $39 million transferred from the businesses that were reserved for capital projects.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes for November totaled $45 million and $91 million year-to-date. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was $28.8 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was $14.8 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At November 30, 2005, the tribal government funds had $44 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, $8.2 million is in the BIA Trust funds.

The businesses had $98 million in cash and investments of which $60.3 million is reserved for accounts payable and $30 million is reserved for reinvestment in present and new businesses.

As of November 30, 2005, tribe operations had assets totaling $458 million with $60 million in payables resulting in net assets of $401 million compared to $253.6 million at the beginning of fiscal year 2005 or an increase of $148 million for the period then ended.

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Two Months Ended November 30, 2005

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	$	49,792	91,248,793	91,298,585
Transfers from businesses to tribal government		14,087,265	(14,087,265)	(0)
Total funds available		14,137,057	77,161,527	91,298,584
Expenditures				
General government		858,689		858,689
Legislature		207,254		207,254
Judiciary		79,648		79,648
Education		659,335		659,335
Heritage Preservation		358,737		358,737
Health		633,772		633,772
Youth and Family Services		365,102		365,102
Nutrition Programs		267,825		267,825
Regulatory		221,989		221,989
Assistance Programs		354,796		354,796
Transfer to Loan Program		-		-
Gaming expense			31,232,590	31,232,590
Other businesses' expense			31,117,399	31,117,399
Total expenditures		4,007,147	62,349,989	66,357,136
Increase in net assets		10,129,910	14,811,539	24,941,449
Beginning net assets		167,479,483	209,018,691	376,498,174
Ending net assets	$	177,609,393	223,830,230	401,439,623

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Net Assets
November 30, 2005

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	$	44,492,668	98,476,797	142,969,465
Receivables		395,947	16,699,904	17,095,851
Inventory			4,521,315	4,521,315
Prepaid expenses			4,860,728	4,860,728
Other Assets			26,970,686	26,970,686
Fixed assets		133,149,787	132,653,798	265,803,585
Less payables		(429,009)	(60,352,998)	(60,782,007)
Net Assets	$	177,609,393	223,830,230	401,439,623

Birthdays

Christopher Garrett Morgan turned one December 12, 2005.

Family and friends helped him celebrate with a birthday party, December 11, 2005.

Garrett is the son of Scott and Melissa Morgan.

He is the grandson of Vicky and Bill Gold, Gayle and Shelby Morgan, and Buddy Tartsah.

He is the great-grandson of Marie and Leonard Morgan, the late Gladys Greenwood and the late Lewis Sweet.

He is the nephew of Rachael Tartsah, Marcus Tartsah and Stacy Morgan.

Happy Birthday Garrett! We love you and we were truly blessed the day you were born.

Christopher Garrett Morgan

Original enrollee Edna Mae Hayward Goodin celebrated her 101 birthday, December 2, 2005 at her residence, Alterra Sterling House, Durant, Okla., with family and friends.

She was born in Indian Territory, now known as Pittsburg, Okla. She has one living sister, Lahoma Rice, Kerrville, Texas. Her deceased siblings are, Lou Rena Vance, Mildred Jorg and Olline McDonald.

They all attended Bloomfield Academy, Ardmore, Okla., later to become Carter Seminary.

She and her late husband C.A. "Buddy", have a son, Norman. He and his wife Cheryl live at Lebanon, Okla. They have three children and four grandchildren. All of these are a joy to their G.G.

She continues to stay active, even with diminished sight. Her health is good and she occupies her time knitting afghans for the great-grandchildren.

Edna Goodin

Births

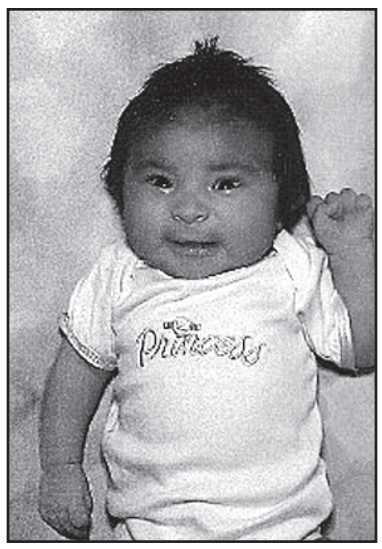
AshLynn LaChell Britton was born 4:51 p.m., Nov. 18, 2005 at Mercy Hospital, Oklahoma City.

She is the daughter of Clyde and Elise Britton, of Carney, Okla.

Her paternal grandparents are Sharon (McKinney) Townsend and Johnny Townsend, Carney. Her maternal grandparents are Tanya and Danny Kitchel, of Meeker, Okla.

Her great-grandfather is Hershell A. McKinney and great-great-grandmother is Elsie Lee Gray, an original enrollee. She is the great-great-great-granddaughter of Lon and Amanda Gray, original enrollees and full-blood Chickasaws. Her great-great-great-great-grandfather and grandmother, Adam and Elsie Gray, were full-blood Chickasaws.

Her grandfather Lon Gray is in the book *Chickasaw Ranchers* by Neil Johnson.



Lou Ann Anoatubby and Steve Taylor announce the birth of their daughter, Piper Jane Taylor.

She was born November 23, 2005 at 2:18 p.m. on at Mercy Memorial Hospital, Ardmore, Okla. Piper weighed 7 lbs., 1 oz. and measured 20 inches.

Grandparents are Russel and Diann Anoatubby, Ardmore, Mary and the late Woodrow Taylor, Ardmore, and great-grandmother, Opal Anoatubby, Ada, Okla.

Piper joins sisters, Amy, Stephanie, Selina, Chanena and Elizabeth.

Sweeney, Factor wed in historic capitol

Keisha Jo Sweeney and Terry Edward Factor were united in marriage at a private ceremony, November 23, 2005, at the historic Chickasaw Nation capitol building in Tishomingo, Oklahoma. The couple chose this site as a tribute to their Chickasaw heritage.

The ceremony took place on the second floor of the building. The room was decorated with two small benches, each adorned with large lilac bows. The ceremony took place in font of the south windows with sunlight beaming through the room creating a beautiful setting.

The bride wore a white satin v-neck halter a-line gown embellished with beaded crystals, seed pearls and rosettes on the bodice, skirt and chapel length train. Her fingertip veil was tiered and trimmed with matching crystals, pearls and rosettes and she wore a crystal tiara. Her heart shaped diamond necklace was borrowed from her mother. She carried a large nosegay bridal bouquet of purple roses and other assorted purple and lilac flowers. The groom wore a purple pin stripe black suit, matching vest and tie, and a lilac shirt.

Melissa Wilkerson, mother of the bride, was matron of honor and wore a purple satin a-line spaghetti strap gown with a side drape at the waist. Mark Factor, brother of the groom, was best man and wore a charcoal suit with matching tie and gray shirt. The bride was given in marriage by her papa, J.L. Green, and her mother. Davis Wheat officiated the ceremony and the wedding party was assisted by his wife, Missy Wheat. The bride's grandmother, Chickasaw legislator Mary Jo Green, also attended the ceremony. Isreal Vasquez photographed and video taped the event.

The wedding party entered the ceremony to the sounds of "When I Said I Do" by Clint Black and Lisa Hartman-Black. Following the song and a prayer, the couple exchanged vows they wrote for each other and then recited the traditional wedding vows. To complete the ceremony, the couple exchanged rings.

The Factors were honored with a come and go reception, November 26, 2005 at Fossil Creek Ranch south of Ada. The reception was followed by a dance and celebration hosted by the bride's parents, Richard and Melissa Wilkerson.

Melissa catered the event and was assisted by Norma Rich, Bryan Rich, Beronica Rich, Phyllis Silva, Jim Silva, Michelle Howard, Rick Wilkerson and Michelle Wilkerson. The four-tiered white wedding cake and two-tiered chocolate heart shaped groom's cake were created by the bride's aunt, Norma Rich. Music was provided by D.J. Isreal Vasquez and his wife, Tracey. Tiffany Craft was the hair stylist and makeup artist for the bride, her mother and the groom's daughter, Anna Factor.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Factor

The couple resides in Ada, Oklahoma. Terry is employed as the director of maintenance at the Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing. Keisha is employed as counselor at the Chickasaw Nation Vocational Rehabilitation Department. The couple wishes to thank all of the family and friends who helped them celebrate their union. Special thanks are extended to Governor Anoatubby and the staff of the Chickasaw capitol for their generosity in allowing the use of our beautiful historic capitol for the ceremony.

Scott elected Foundation for Women Legislators' state director

Wanda Blackwood Scott
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

WASHINGTON, D.C.-Chickasaw Tribal Legislator Wanda Scott was elected Oklahoma State Director of the National Foundation for Women Legislators (NFWL) at the 2005 NFWL Annual Conference in Phoenix, Arizona.

By accepting the State Director position, Mrs. Scott takes on liaison and communications responsibilities between women elected officials in Oklahoma and their counterparts across the nation.

"I am honored that the members of NFWL have asked me to serve as their representative in Oklahoma for this next year and thrilled to have the opportunity to build relationships," said Mrs. Scott. "I have already used many important connections that I made at the 2005 Annual Conferences and I look forward to working with my colleagues in the legislature on the important public policy issues that were discussed in Phoenix."

"Mrs. Scott is an articulate and impassioned leader," said NFWL President and CEO, Robin Read. "We are looking forward to her leadership in the Foundation and I am confident that she is going to contribute to making the next year one of the most exciting and productive years that NFWL has seen yet."

The mission of NFWL is to provide strategic resources to women leaders for leadership development and effective governance through conferences, seminars, issue education materials, professional and personal relationships, and networking at both the state and federal levels.

Through annual educational and networking events, the National Foundation for Women Legislators support women legislators from all levels of governance. As a non-profit, non-partisan organization, NFWL does not take ideological positions on public policy issues, but rather serves as a forum for women legislators to be empowered through information and experience.

Blackwell kids doing well in Owasso

Dylan Blackwell

MaKayla Blackwell

Dylan Blackwell, a second grade student at Ator Heights elementary school, Owasso, Okla., was chosen student of the week. His parents are Kevin and Darla Blackwell. He is the great-great grandson of original enrollee William Jennings Bryant Moore.

His 16-year-old sister, MaKayla, just received her drivers' license. We are very proud of both of you.

Nana

Thank you

Marshall County Chickasaw Council appreciates all Chickasaw Nation employees, administrators, and legislators who attended our council meetings in 2005.

Thank You All. Merry Christmas and have a very Happy New Year!

Sincerely, Sarah Lea, Chairperson Marshall County Chickasaw Council

580-564-4570

Ardmore Head Start December 'Star Students of the Month'

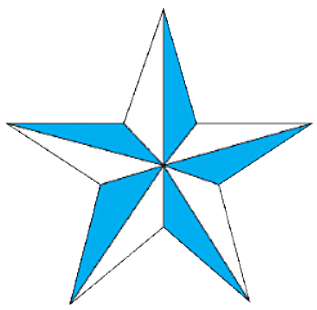
Chickasaw Nation Head Start, Ardmore, Classroom #3, would like to present its Star Students of the Month for December: Carlye Shannon and Willie Wilson.

Carlye is the three-year-old daughter of David Shannon and Stephanie Shannon. Carlye's favorite color is red. When she grows up, Carlye wants to be like her mommy.

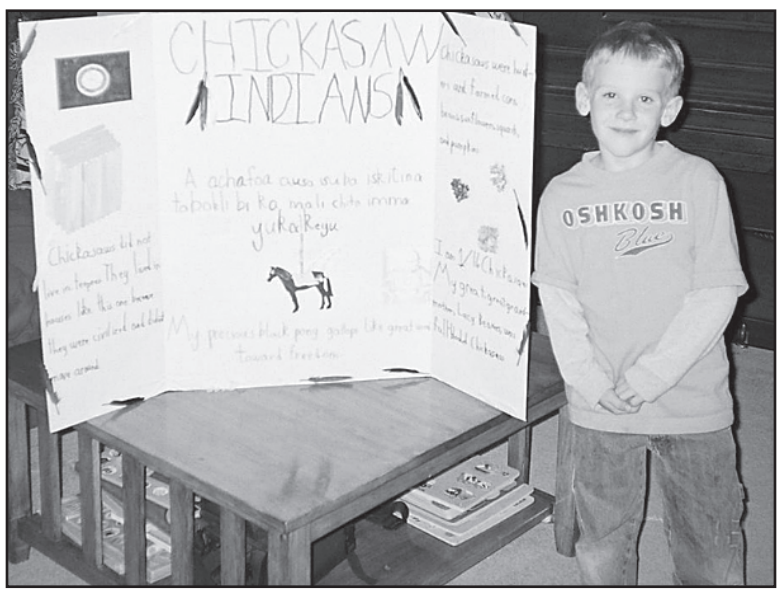
Carlye Shannon

Willie Wilson

Willie is the four-year-old son of Charles and Marcia Bowden. Willie's favorite color is brown. When Willie grows up he wants to help cows, ducks, and horses.



Chickasaw student learning Chickasaw



Mason Spence with his Native American project.

Mason Spence recently constructed a traditional Chickasaw Summer House out of popsicle sticks for a class project in recognition of November being Native American month. Mason also recited a poem in Chickasaw about a pony and explained to his classmates about the crops Chickasaws farmed. He is a first grade student of Mary Harney's class at Baranoff Elementary School, Austin, Texas.

He is the son of Logan and Cynthia Spence, of Austin.

He is the grandson of Ron and Jamie Spence, of Kingston, Okla.

Mason is 1/16 Chickasaw.

Student selected for Eisenhower leadership forum

Sara Linsley, a student at Roff (OK) School, has been accepted to the People to People World Leadership Forum. Miss Linsley will join a select group of students in Washington, D.C., March 13-19 2006 to earn high school credit while studying leadership and exploring some of the United States' most prominent monuments and institutions.

From Capitol Hill to the Smithsonian Institute, and from Colonial Williamsburg to the National Museum of American History, Miss Linsley will examine the characteristics of American leadership during times of national challenge and prosperity. Forum delegates will also participate in small-group discussions and exercise to experience first-hand how successful leaders develop strategies, make decisions, build consensus, and foster change.

Miss Linsley was nominated and accepted for the honor based on outstanding scholastic merit, civic involvement and leadership potential.

The program is coordinated by People to People Student Ambassador Programs to fulfill the vision President Dwight D. Eisenhower had for fostering world citizenship when he founded People to People during his presidency in 1956.

Miss Linsley is the daughter of Sue Linder-Linsley, director of the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

Von Tungeln family gathers for reunion in Texas

Friends and family of the late Chickasaw Charline Penner Von Tungeln, born in Mill Creek, Okla., in 1914, gathered in Amarillo, Texas for a Texas-sized family reunion on November 25 -26, 2005.

Charline's daughter Penney Von Tungeln Schwab organized the event. Thirty-six family members and friends traveled from California, Kansas, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas to attend the reunion.

Some of the activities included visiting the American Quarter Horse Heritage Center & Museum, attending an Amarillo Gorillas Ice Hockey Game, hitting the stores for holiday bargains and eating at the famous Big Texan Restaurant.

Children and grandchildren of Charline Penner Von Tungeln. Back row, from left, Leonard Regala, Calif., Don Schwab, Kan. (son-in-law) Tim Havern, Okla. (son-in-law), Mike Von Tungeln, Okla. (son), Connie Von Tungeln, Okla. (daughter-in-law), Amy Von Tungeln, Okla. (granddaughter), Penney Schwab, Kan. (daughter), Connie Regala, Calif., Amanda Havern, Okla. (daughter), Pat Schwab, Tex. (grandson), Orlando Regala, Calif., Rebecca Clancy, Kan. (granddaughter). Front row from left, Chris Havern, Tenn. (grandson), Jeff Havern, Okla. (grandson), Mike Schwab, Colo. (grandson). Not pictured: John Von Tungeln, Hawaii (grandson) and Nan Swank, Okla. (niece).

Chickasaw second-grader selected 'student of the month'

Matthew Pickens

Matthew Pickens is a second grader at Oliver Wendell Holmes Elementary School in Long Beach, Cali.

This is his first year at a new school and he was chosen as a student of the month. Matthew is a great kid who truly deserves this honor. For this award, he received a certificate, a coupon for a free kid's meal at Rubio's Restaurant and a free muffin and drink from Mimi's Café.

Matthew is the son of Craig and Alayne (Archie) Pickens and the grandson of Daphne Meemah Brown, Long Beach, and Sherman Pickens, Wynnewood, Okla. His siblings and aunts are happy for him!

Love, Aunts Sandra, Jennifer and Jene and your brother Kenneth and sister Tia Jene.

Chickasaw returns from Iraq duty

Pfc. Jennifer Corbin

Pfc. Jennifer Cobrin a medic in the 1/25 Stryker Brigade Support Battalion receently returned from a one-year deployment at forward Operating Base Marez in Mosul, Iraq. She received a CMB (Combat Medic Badge) for duties performed during her Iraq deployment.

She is the daughter of Gene and Mary Corbin, of Durant, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Glenn (Sky) and Pat Corbin, of Milburn, Okla., and Dorothy Green, of Tishomingo, Okla., and the late Johnny Green.

'Pride in Homeownership' winner

Mr. Billy Duckworth's yard was chosen for the Governor's Award in the 'Pride in Homeownership' Best Yard contest for 2005. Mr. Duckworth will receive a $250 gift certificate to Wal Mart.

Letter to Editor:

Children of Otto and Lillie (Martin) Brown

A special note to my wonderful family

The Brown Generation Family Reunion, August 5-7, 2005

I would just like to say that it was so wonderful to see all of our family together. Grandma Lillie and Grandpa Otto would have been so proud! I would like to extend a special thank you to my uncles and their spouses, Larry and Kathron Brown and Otto and Tartie Brown for opening their homes for the festivities. I would like to thank my mother, Daphne Brown, and her siblings, Paul Brown and Cheryl Renee (Brown) Hansbrough for ordering the t-shirts and a special thank you to my Aunt Cheryl Renee for making up special goody bags for everyone. No one was left out. The food was excellent; another special thank you to Aunt Tartie's family for the BBQ. I hope that we all can get together 2006 – same place, same time of the year. Also, thanks to all of you who came by and celebrated with us. I saw so many folks that I hadn't seen since I was a child! It was just a great time had by all! So, Brown Children: Raydell, Daphne, Larry, Ronald, Barbara, Kathy, Emma, Otto Jr., Paul and Cheryl Renee, get your children and grandchildren and spouses and let's do that again! I would like to thank, also, my cousin Charles (Chuck) Knight for celebrating our birthday together – August 11. We had a wonderful dinner in Ardmore. I, also, go to my Aunt Sammie, Cousin Cynthia Harmon and my Aunt Louise. I just want to sum up that I enjoyed my visit and look forward to moving back and enjoying the rest of my life around family.

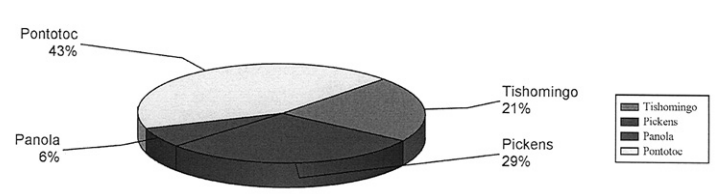
Goodbye and hope to see you all soon!

Sandra Denise Pickens, Long Beach, CA

Sandra Pickens is the daughter of Daphne Brown, Long Beach, CA and Sherman Pickens, Wynnewood, OK and the granddaughter of the late Otto and Lillie (Martin) Brown and Ledonia (Anderson) Pickens and the great-granddaughter of Jesse and Elsie (McGee) Brown.

Count of Voter's by District

Tishomingo	4,380	Panola	1,326
Pickens	5,949	Pontotoc	8,757
		Total	20,412



Chickasaw veteran received her early training at Chilocco

Then and Now – Beaulah Shavney holds her 1944 wedding photo where she and husband, Dick, are in U.S. Army uniform. Around her neck, she proudly wears her Chickasaw Nation Veterans Medal.

If you are Beaulah Shavney – ¼ Chickasaw, ¼ Choctaw, Indian school graduate, veteran, widow, mother and grandmother – you have a lifetime of stories to tell.

Born April 2, 1922 in Marlow, Oklahoma, Mrs. Shavney was the oldest of the six children of O.L. and Sylvia Pope. Her grandmother, Emily Gibson, was a full-blood Chickasaw. Her mother Sylvia was one-half. She got her Choctaw blood from her grandfather's side.

As a high school freshman, she left her family and entered Chilocco Indian School.

"I really liked it there," Mrs. Shavney recalled. "At first you are homesick, but then you make friends and get into the routine."

She lived in the girls' dorm year around, marched to and from class and did her chores "the right way!"

"We would clean and scrub and, if it wasn't good enough, we would do it again," she said. "I really think being there prepared me for the military."

She graduated Chilocco in 1940 and moved back in with her family, which had relocated to Arizona. There she attended and graduated from Gregg Business School. She took her newly-acquired clerical skills and entered the workforce. Then the war broke out.

"I remember (recruiters) telling us about the Army and getting an education, and I thought that sounded like something I wanted to do," Mrs. Shavney said.

In May of 1943, she left Arizona to attend basic training in Des Moines, Iowa. She became a member of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corp (WAAC) which, that same year dropped the Auxiliary and became the Women's Army Corp (WAC).

She was stationed at Ft. Knox, Kentucky where her clerical skills landed her a position as Secretary to the Captain of the Army Clerical School. She and one other lady were the only two females at the school.

"Things were really great there," Ms. Shavney reminisced. "All the men were really nice and treated us well. I enjoyed my time there."

Before being discharged in December of 1945, Mrs. Shavney earned the World War II Victory Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the WAAC Service Medal and the American Campaign Medal. She became a Charter Member of the WAAC and achieved Technician Forth Grade.

Medals and honors weren't the only thing Mrs. Shavney obtained while in the Army. She was contemplating volunteering for overseas duty in Germany at the heart of the Second World War when a young soldier by the name of Dick Shavney caught her eye. Her plans changed. In her words, "Suddenly, Germany wasn't so appealing."

The Shavneys were married in full uniform in Vine Grove, Kentucky in December of 1944. Her tank battalion husband was later sent to the Philippines where he served as a guard at a war prison. He was discharged in 1946 and the couple spent time in Arizona and New York, Mr. Shavney's home state, before making their home in Sand Springs, Oklahoma.

When asked what brought them back to Oklahoma, Mrs. Shavney laughed, "Dick really liked it here. I think deep down, he really liked the idea of cowboys and Indians."

The couple's time together was cut short when Mr. Shavney passed away in 1968 due to illness, but not before they shared 24 years of marriage and the birth of three children. Teresa now lives in Oklahoma City, Margie resides in Jacksonville, Illinois and son, Rick, is in Tulsa.

Mrs. Shavney continued to raise her children and work as a single mother in Sand Springs. In 2002, she moved to Ada and became involved at the Chickasaw Nation Senior Site where she volunteers and spends time with new friends.

Mrs. Shavney says she also has nine grandchildren who make her extremely proud and is looking forward to sharing her lifetime of stories with great-grandchildren too.

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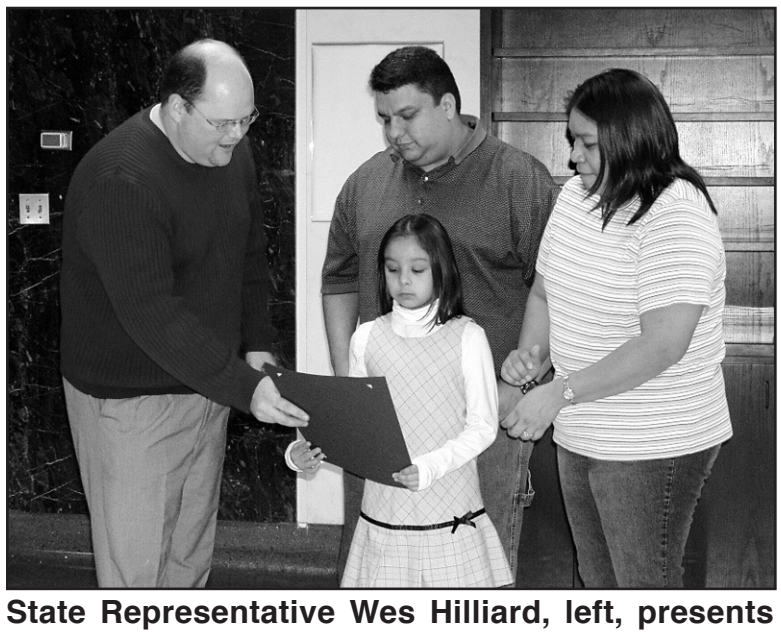
Chickasaw student honored for art work



State Representative Wes Hilliard, left, presents Morgan LaFountain with a Oklahoma State House citation for her accomplishment while her parents, Jack and Denise, look on.

Morgan LaFountain, Chickasaw third-grade student at Sulphur Elementary School, was recently honored by Oklahoma District 22 State Representative Wes Hilliard for her accomplishments in winning the first annual Sulphur March of Dimes Poster Contest.

At a ceremony conducted at Children's Hospital at OU Medical Center in Oklahoma City, Rep. Hilliard awarded Morgan with a citation from the Oklahoma State House. During the ceremony, Morgan presented her framed poster to Dr. Kris Sekar, Director of the Neonatal Intensive Care (NIC) Unit, and Children's Hospital. Morgan's artwork will be displayed in the NIC Unit permanently.

Morgan is the daughter of Jack and Denise LaFountain.

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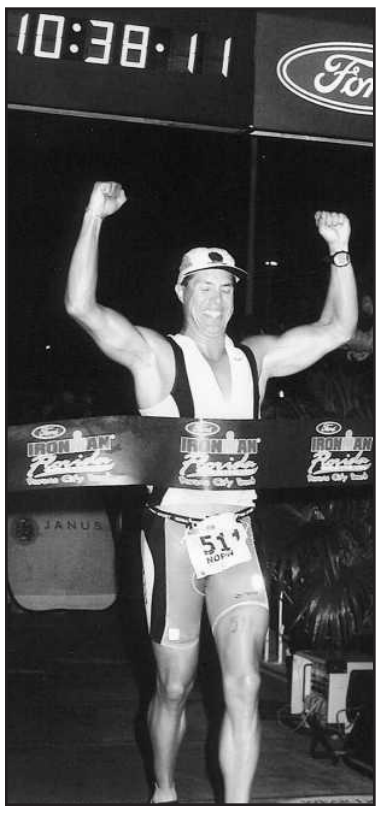
Ironman calls physical therapist



Norman Bradsher

Some things get better with age, while other things get better with hard work and perseverance. In Norman Bradsher's case, both are true.

Bradsher, who serves as a physical therapist and coordinator of the Chickasaw Nation Tishomingo Health Clinic, works hard at his job, and possibly even harder at his hobby.

Bradsher is a triathlete. He does, for fun, what most would dread. Swimming, biking and running long distances, in extreme heat, for hours - all for the sake of pushing himself to get better.

He recently pushed himself to compete, for the second time, in the Ironman Florida Race in Panama City. The race had him swim, pedal and run 140.6 miles in less than 11 hours. Ten hours and 38 minutes to be exact. That's 58 minutes better than his 11-hour, 34-minute finish in 2003.

Bradsher cut his time in all three legs of the treacherous race, a goal he set out to achieve when he began the year-long commitment it takes to train for an Ironman race.

"It takes a lot of time away from your family and friends," Bradsher said. "When you choose to sign up for an (Ironman), it should be a family decision because they are the ones that have to pick up the slack when you are away."

Bradsher's hard work and dedication paid off. He finished the Ironman Florida Race 263rd overall and 49th in his age group. For a race that started with 2,058 competitors, that is no small feat.

"My job as a physical therapist for the Chickasaw Nation Health System is to motivate patients to exercise," Bradsher said. "I feel my participation in triathlon is a good way to lead by example."

Bradsher will continue competing and plans to participate in two or three half-Ironmans this year. He says he wants to run in Florida again also.

"I will definitely do Florida again sometime in the future," Bradsher said. "The course suits me and it is a fun event. Towards the end of next season I will be making plans for my next Ironman."

If Norman Bradsher's goal is to motivate his patients to get better over time, then he has definitely set quite an example.

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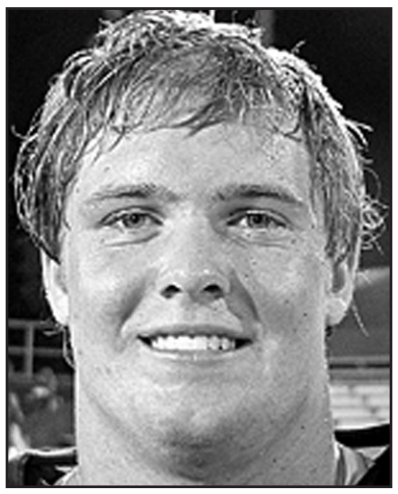
Chickasaw grid star excelling in the classroom



Chase Beeler

Soft-spoken, thoughtful, analytical and intelligent might not be the first words that come to mind when college coaches begin looking for a great offensive lineman to help their football team.

But those words fit well into a description of Chase Beeler, a Chickasaw football player from Jenks, Oklahoma who has drawn full-ride scholarship offers from more than a dozen top colleges around the nation.

A description of Beeler would not be complete, however, unless you add that he is exceptionally strong, tough, hard-working and fiercely competitive.

Chase, a six-foot, three-inch, 275-pound offensive lineman who broke the Jenks High School bench press record with a lift of 442 pounds, is sure to be a great addition to any football program.

Off the field, his 4.0 grade point average, score of 33 on his American College Testing (ACT) exam, and selection as a National Merit Scholarship finalist ensure that his professors will be just as pleased to have him in the classroom as coaches are to have him on the playing field.

While he has narrowed the choices to Stanford, the University of Oklahoma, Northwestern, and Oklahoma State University, he is still carefully considering the final decision.

"Obviously, the academics and the athletic situation are the two primary factors," Chase said. "The three main things are probably the quality of academics, the quality of professors and how well the academic situation aligns with the athletic situation."

He added that any chemistry he feels with as he visits with coaches and players during campus visits will also enter into the decision because he will be spending a lot of time with those people during his college career.

Much of his time off the field will be spent hitting the books, as he plans to study politics, history or philosophy with an eye on a career in academia or politics.

"If I were to teach, I would go on to graduate school and try to get a Ph.D.," said Chase. "If I teach, I would like to teach as a professor, because of the amount of research you get to do and the amount of depth you get involved in with your particular area of study.

"History, philosophy and political science are three things that really interest me and I'm really passionate about. Being able to build your life on something like that and devote your life to the study and advancement of a field is something exciting to me."

He gives his parents, Darrell and Susan Beeler, much of the credit for his interest and passion for academics.

"It's something that's really important to them," Chase said. "They were always the type of people who, if I wasn't up to speed on my academics, or if I wasn't performing in the classroom, even from a young age, they didn't allow me to participate in football.

"So, thanks to that, and thanks to the overall value they place on education, that's one of the main reasons that I'm so involved in academics and I'm considering the scholastic status of each university before I take a look at them."

His interest in politics has him considering the long term implications of choosing the University of Oklahoma.

"Playing at OU, especially in the state of Oklahoma, brings you a lot of political clout, said Chase. "J.C. Watts is a good example. Another really good example is Switzer. When Brad Henry was campaigning for governor, he was kind of on the bubble as to whether or not he was going to win. Then Switzer came out in his support and that more or less sealed the deal for him."

With everything else he brings to the table, if Chase doesn't end up in the halls of academia, it would be too surprising for him to find a place in the halls of Congress.

"Generally, I can credit my political interest and my interest in history to my grandparents, because (when I was) growing up they were always involved in the political system, usually campaigning for one candidate or another."

Beyond that, Chase said that he was thankful to his extended family for the support, encouragement and life lessons that have prepared him to enter the next stage of life.

One of the most important of those life lessons is the ability to set priorities.

"Sometimes you have to make sacrifices in one area in order to advance in another and sometimes that role will reverse and you'll have to make sacrifices in another area.

"I would say that in order to succeed in anything you really have to learn to prioritize and manage your time."

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Chickasaw Lighthorse Police awarded substance abuse grant

Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Department Chief Jason O'Neal recently announced a grant award of $499, 913 to the department to implement the Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse program. The grant was awarded by the U.S. Department of Justice.

Grant funds will be used to create a multi-jurisdictional drug task force which will bring together tribal, federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to address substance abuse issues.

A drug task force commander will also be hired to develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to prevent alcohol/substance abuse related crimes.

"We are working to create and implement a comprehensive strategy which includes education, prevention, detection, apprehension and treatment," said Chief O'Neal. "We have plans in place to work very closely with the local drug courts. Pontotoc County has a very successful drug court. Carter County is establishing a drug court. Both of those areas have had success in doing that."

A case manager will also be hired to provide oversight to drug/alcohol evaluation and/or treatment.

Under the program, the LPD will work with the Chickasaw Nation Health System Behavioral Health department to provide treatment.

A list of other federal, state, tribal and local services will also be made available to offenders and their families.

"One of the areas behavioral health is focusing on is providing additional treatment services, because there is such a long wait for treatment," said Chief O'Neal. "Some of these people who have been arrested for drug violations may have to wait six months or a year before they are able to get into a facility for treatment. So treatment is definitely an area that is needed to help prevent future crimes by the same people."

Additional legislation will also be prepared and proposed to provide a more comprehensive legal framework for implementation of the program.

U.S. Congressman Tom Cole (R - Okla.), a Chickasaw who represents Oklahoma's Fourth District, was pleased with the grant award.

"I am very pleased these funds will be awarded to the Chickasaw Nation to help control and prevent crime associated with alcohol and drug abuse. With these funds they will be better equipped to help keep their community safe," said Rep. Cole.

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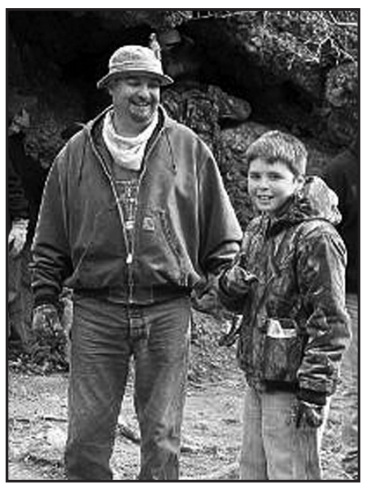
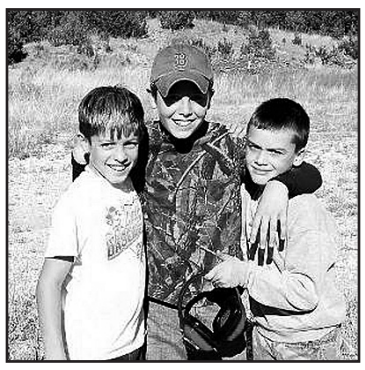
Camp Hayaka Unta



Rocky Wright spends time with his son, Rowdy, during a hike at Camp Hayaka Unta.

Hayaka Unta campers participated in several outdoor activities including camping, cooking over a fire, skeet shooting, a ropes course, wall climbing, canoeing, stickball, hiking and horseback riding.



Derrick Jackson, Reid Wall and Gage Wall enjoy themselves at Hayaka Unta outdoor camp while taking a break from skeet shooting lessons.

Tribal B&G Clubs in diabetes program

The Chickasaw Nation Boys & Girls Clubs are pleased to announce they have received funding for a new Diabetes Prevention Program. The Indian Health Service (IHS), National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA) and Nike, Inc. have partnered to create a program aimed at reducing the onset of diabetes among Native American youth.

The program, called On the T.R.A.I.L. (Together Raising Awareness for Indian Life) to Diabetes Prevention, is an innovative combination of physical, educational and nutritional activities that promote healthy lifestyles. T.R.A.I.L. is a 12-week incentive-based program that provides youth with a comprehensive understanding of healthy lifestyles aimed at helping to prevent diabetes.

The Chickasaw Nation Boys & Girls Clubs of Chickasha, Sulphur and Tishomingo are pleased to have been selected as one of the 28 grant recipients to participate in this exciting initiative. The grant comes at a time when, of patients ages two to 15 on the Chickasaw Nation Health System Diabetes Care Center diabetes registry, 90% are diagnosed as overweight or obese.

Participants will draw from tribal traditions and history to learn about nutrition, food choices and the impact of diabetes. They then apply decision-making and goal-setting skills in the Physical Activity Challenge and engage in service projects to improve healthy lifestyles in their communities. Woven throughout the program are self-esteem and prevention activities, and community and family involvement is encouraged.

Included in the partnership is a NikeGO on Native Lands grant that includes a physical activity training, curriculum, equipment, product incentives and evaluation. NikeGO on Native Lands motivates T.R.A.I.L. and Club members to achieve their goals and promote physical activity. NikeGO is Nike's signature U.S. community affairs initiative and the company's long-term commitment to getting kids more physically active.

As part of the T.R.A.I.L. Program, members of the Chickasaw Nation Boys & Girls Clubs participated in a diabetes prevention walk during the National Congress of American Indians national convention in Tulsa. Olympic Gold Medalist Billy Mills joined the group as they walked to raise awareness and promote physical activity. Pictured are, back row, Vern Wilson, Barbara Wilson, Chickasaw Nation Boys & Girls Club Executive Director, Bertha Allen, Billy Mills, Reginald Robbins, Tishomingo Boys & Girls Club Unit Manager. Front row, Chloe Wilson, Brandon May, Zane Gaines, Jet Robbins, Sheyenne Miller and Elizabeth Williams, T.R.A.I.L. Program Coordinator.

The program's mission is to increase physical activity in youth, offering them the support and motivation to become physically active, stay healthy and have fun. In its most recent fiscal year, Nike contributed more than $10.5 million in cash and products and served more than 150,000 kids across the U.S. through its programs and partnerships. Visit www.nikego.com for additional information.

If you are interested in finding out more about On the T.R.A.I.L to Diabetes Prevention, please contact Elizabeth L. Williams at (405) 224-2661 or Barbara Wilson at (580) 622-8442.

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Apply now for Chickasaw language classes

Students interested in learning Chickasaw are encouraged to apply now for language classes which will be conducted in several communities across the Chickasaw Nation this winter.

Continuing classes for students who completed the fall 2005 classes or may be more proficient in the language are being tentatively scheduled for Purcell, Ada and Tishomingo.

Beginning classes are being tentatively scheduled for Ada, Sulphur, Ardmore, and Tishomingo.

Teaching teams, each consisting of a fluent speaker and a facilitator, will lead the classes.

Teachers will utilize a variety of teaching methods designed to motivate students and make classes more interesting.

While classes will vary from community to community, each will include aspects of Chickasaw culture, heritage and history as well as Chickasaw language.

Class activities may include meals, field trips, storytelling and a variety of other hands-on experiences to enhance the learning experience.

Class times, dates and locations will be determined based on community interest and other relevant factors.

Those with some knowledge of the Chickasaw language are strongly encouraged to attend these classes, which will focus on improving proficiency in the language.

Anyone with an interest in learning Chickasaw, however, is welcome and will benefit from the classes.

For information, or to sign up for classes, contact Terri Haney at (580) 332-8478.

Census winners drawn

Winners of cash prizes for returning census forms by the Oct. 18 deadline were drawn Dec. 21 at the Chickasaw Foundation conference room in Ada.

Donella Griffith of Cleveland, Okla. won the top prize of $5,000.

$2,500 winners are **Richard Kelton**, Denton, Tex. and **Terry Miller,** Holliday, Texas.

$1,000 winners are **Linda Donham**, Safford, Ariz.; **Mary Gipson,** Ada, Okla.; **Katherine Rockenfield**, Tuttle, Okla.; **Teresa Bolen**, Ardmore, Okla. and **Sheila Blankenship**, Berryville, Ark.

$500 winners are Raymond Coyle, Wynnewood, Okla.; Tyler, Perlival, Comanche, Okla.; Jason Luper, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Nita Gordon, Sulphur, Okla.; Tommie Talley, Roland, Okla.; Jennifer Earle, Garland, Texas; Stoney Walker, Ada, Okla.; Margie Green, Tishomingo, Okla.; Jillian Chadwick, Mill Creek, Okla. and Stanley R. Smith, Bakersfield, Calif.

$250 winners are James Sanders, Norman, Okla.; Patricia Gembacz, Cache, Okla.; Massey K. Mayo, Winnemucca, Nev.; Brett Dawson, Lynnwood, Wash.; Keri Denson, Ardmore, Okla.; Frank Catron, Connerville, Okla.; Eric Duckworth, Cartwright, Okla.; Sierra Holcomb, Tishomingo, Okla.; Charles Campbell, Krebs, Okla.; Mildred D. Ratchford, Davis, Okla.; Laurel Turley, Fittstown, Okla.; William C. Russel, Palm Springs, Calif.; Betty M. Foster, Ratliff City, Okla.; William Jordan, Wichita, Kan.; Jeffery Stowers, Madill, Okla.; Virginia Roberts, Lone Grove, Okla.; Overton James, Ada, Okla.; Larry Bledsoe, Norman, Okla.; Robbie L. Allred, Jr. Midlothian, Texas and Tonya Bierce, Fittstown, Okla.

Chickasaw elders Jeannie Copeland and Pauline Brown draw names of census winners from a hopper. Winners were drawn Dec. 21.

CHRs honored

Chickasaw Nation Community Health Representative Pamela Aguilar, center, was honored for her work on Patient Care Component and Patient Care Codes at the recent conference of the Oklahoma Area Association of Community Health Representatives. Cathy Stueckeman, left, JD, MPA, Public Health Advisor/National Director Community Health Representative Program and Dione Harjo, right, Oklahoma Area Consultant CHR, EMS & Health Education, presented the award.

Chickasaw Nation CHR Tammy Blevins-Purser, left, was honored as tribal Community Health Representative of the year at the recent conference of the Oklahoma Area Association of Community Health Representatives. Chickasaw Nation CHR Pamela Aguilar, vice president of OAACHR, presented the award.

Auditions Feb. 25 in Midwest City for *Te Ata*

CHICKASHA, Okla. - Open auditions for "Te Ata" will begin 9 a.m. Feb. 25, 2006 at the H.B Atkinson Theatre on the campus of Rose State College, Midwest City, Okla.

"Te Ata," by Chickasaw Playwright JudyLee Oliva, is a full-length play with music based on the real life story of Te Ata Fisher, a Chickasaw actress from Oklahoma.

Te Ata performed a one-person show of Indian folklore for more than 70 years, including performances in the White House as a guest of President Franklin Roosevelt and first lady Eleanor Roosevelt. Te Ata also performed for the King and Queen of England.

Actors, singers and dancers are needed to fill 13 roles for the world premiere of the play scheduled August 5-13, 2006 at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma, Chickasha.

"Te Ata was a remarkable Chickasaw actress and her story, told on stage through words, songs and dance is a spiritual journey," wrote Ms. Oliva in an open letter. "The play has been 13 years in the making, from my initial research, to meeting Te Ata and her family, to recording the music in Tucson, to workshopping it at OU and at Te Ata's alma mater, USAO, to an Off Broadway reading in New York, and at long last, to premiering it on the very stage where Te Ata learned her craft."

Actors are asked to prepare a one-minute monologue and 16 bars of a song. An accompanist will be provided.

While auditions are open, Ms. Oliva has said that she wants to cast as many Oklahomans as possible. She anticipates taking the play on the road to venues across the state as a precursor to Oklahoma's Centennial celebration.

As part of the world premiere, the auditorium at USAO will be re-named "The Te Ata Memorial Auditorium."

Original compositions and musical arrangements for the play are by Tucson composer Jay Vosk.

For more information, visit www.TeAtaWorldPremiere.com.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Paperback biography of *Te Ata* debuts

With a beautiful new cover and much lower price, the paperback edition of *Te Ata, Chickasaw Storyteller, American Treasure* makes its debut this month.

Te Ata was a nationally renowned performance artist whose storytelling career and adventures spanned from the 1920s to the 1970s. She was born in Emet, educated in Tishomingo, Chickasha, and Pittsburgh, Pa., and lived much of her career in New York City before retiring in Oklahoma.

She toured nationally and appeared in all manner of venues, from high school auditoriums to Indian reservations to the White House. Apart from her parents, her two biggest influences were Frances Davis, a professor of drama at the Oklahoma College for Women in Chickasha and her husband, Dr. Clyde Fisher of the American Museum of Natural History.

The 353-page book was researched and written by tribal historian Richard Green. The book was a finalist for the 2003 Oklahoma Book Award for non-fiction. In a review, the American Library Association wrote: "Green has presented a thoroughly researched and highly readable book pertinent to the fields of drama, women's studies, natural history, Native American studies and is recommended for all levels and collections."

The *Tulsa World* wrote, "this is a special book about a special person that helped bridge the gap between American Indians and other cultures at a time when such efforts were sorely needed. Her story and message are timeless and as relevant today as when she was performing. This book will make you proud to be from Oklahoma."

The biography sells for $14.95 compared to $21.95 for the hardback edition. Either or both editions may be ordered on-line at the Chickasaw Nation's website (click on marketplace) or by writing the Chickasaw Outpost, P.O. Box 627, Ada, OK, 74821. Phone orders will be accepted at 580-332-1458 or faxed to 580-436-5204.

Book Excerpt

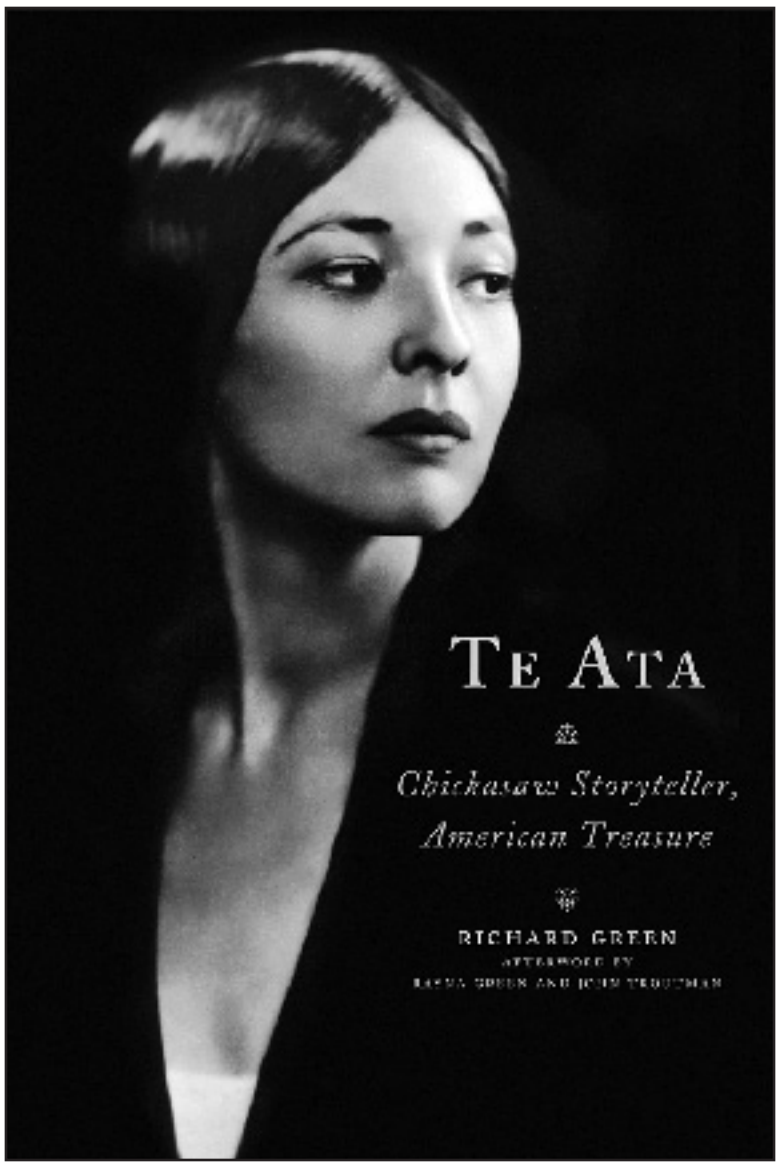
Introduction: Living in New York City in the early 1920s, Te Ata survived pretty much hand-to-mouth through short-term jobs in the theater or associated with it (selling tickets or ushering). Because she had developed a small repertoire of Indian stories and legends, she could entertain people with them for pay. Vaudeville was an obvious and relatively good-paying avenue for such presentations. But vaudeville demanded burlesque and easy-to-understand stereotypes, so she turned down these otherwise attractive offers.

Te Ata wanted to entertain and edify; she would present Indian culture artistically and authentically or not at all. Why this passion for authenticity? Her own upbringing lacked much of what makes up a traditional tribal lifestyle. The corruption of the old ways begun by the English, French and Spanish was completed according to historian Arrell Gibson, by the Americans by 1818—when the tribe ceded another large part of its domain to the United States.

Eighty years later the Thompsons (Te Ata's family), like most Chickasaws, did not speak Chickasaw in the home, did not practice the rites and rituals of the ancient religion, observed few traditional social practices and, apart from several stories passed down to them from relatives, knew little about the tribe's history. Much of the tribe's traditional culture had fallen into disuse or been replaced by the technology of the colonial powers. Most of what was left was contained not so much in oral histories as in culturally filtered reports and narratives written by various white observers, principally the English trader James Adair in 1775.

Ultimately, they may not have satisfied a discerning Chickasaw curious about the old ways, like Te Ata, but tribal members themselves had little to offer. If she could not dramatize their story because so many of its chapters had been irretrievably lost, she would expand her scope to include all Native American peoples. As one of them and an artist, she would not betray or cheapen them or their image in any way. Certainly, there were plenty of entertainers who were willing and able to do that in vaudeville, in burlesque, and in movies.

Te Ata realized that the beauty and profundity of tribal self-expression was manifested through a variety of media: song, dance, music, legendry, theater and poetry. Without planning it or even being conscious of it, she had been carving her own niche as a dramatic folklorist. To be true to herself and her people, artistry and integrity went hand in hand.



Chickasaw Foundation announces new scholarships for 2006

The Chickasaw Foundation Board of Trustees is proud to announce the addition of its newest scholarships for 2006.

The **Mitch Musgrove Memorial Scholarship** is a $250 scholarship for a Chickasaw adult part-time college student, age 25 or older with a major in Finance or Accounting. The student must also maintain a 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. This scholarship is funded by the Finance Department of the Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing & Tribal Development. Mitch Musgrove worked in this Finance Department from October 2001 until his death in September 2005. Most of his time at the Division of Housing was spent as a payroll clerk. Mitch was a heart-transplant patient which most people did not know about him. It extended his life by eight years, and he was grateful for every day. He was proud of his Creek heritage, was a loving son who cared for his aged mother and was an invaluable member of the Division of Housing Finance Department.

The **Irene C. Howard Memorial Scholarship** is an $8,000 scholarship ($4,000 per semester) for a Chickasaw full-time undergraduate student with a major in nutrition science, science or liberal arts and who has a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. This scholarship is funded by Mr. Russell Howard, in memory of his late wife, Irene. She was born in Madill, Oklahoma and graduated from Oklahoma A&M in Stillwater, Oklahoma. She was a teacher for two years and then began an extended career as a secretary for Phillips Petroleum Company of Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

The **Pearl Scott Aviation Scholarship** is a $1,250 scholarship awarded annually to a Chickasaw student pursuing a course of study in aviation (such as aviation maintenance technology, flight training, aviation law, air traffic control, aeronautical engineering, aerospace mechanical engineering, manufacturing engineering with an aviation emphasis, airline and airport operations, airport management, meteorology, aviation technology management or a related field) at a college, university or recognized private aviation school. This scholarship was established and funded by the Wiley Post Commission and the Chickasaw Nation. Mrs. Scott was a famed Chickasaw aviatrix who was a pioneer in her work in aviation and to her work with the Chickasaw Nation. She displayed the courage, strength of character and indomitable spirit that was an inspiration to everyone who knew her.

Irene C. Howard

Pearl Scott

Chickasaw Foundation Scholarship Recipients

Chelsea Moore

Congratulations to Ms. Chelsea Moore and Mr. Joseph Wallace who were recently selected as the 2005-2006 recipients of the *Robert L. Walton Memorial Scholarship* and *the Bank2 Banking Scholarship – In Memory of Mr. Robert Walton* respectively from the Chickasaw Foundation.

Ms. Moore is a freshman attending the University of Oklahoma majoring in Media. Mr. Wallace is a sophomore at Southeastern Oklahoma State University majoring in Business.

Chickasaw Foundation Christmas Luncheon

Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, left, and Kirk Perry at the Chickasaw Foundation Christmas luncheon.

The Chickasaw Foundation, Upward Bound and Educational Talent Search staff along with the Board of Trustees enjoyed a Christmas luncheon and gift exchange on December 1st at the Governor's Room located in the Wellness Center on the campus of East Central University.

Chickasaw Foundation Winter Welcome

Legislator Mooniene Ogee and Chickasaw Elder Ruby June Scott enjoy the atmosphere at the Chickasaw Foundation's Winter Welcome.

The Chickasaw Foundation hosted its annual Winter Welcome on December 9th. The cold weather created a warm atmosphere inside for dozens of people who dropped by to celebrate the holiday season with the staff. Mr. Brian Campbell and Ms. Ruby June Scott, both of Ada, were the lucky recipients of the door prizes.

Employee Charitable Contribution Plan update

The Chickasaw Foundation would like to ask the contributors who donate to the Foundation to notify them of any address changes due to the new 911 laws. We will need to update your address so that you may receive your year-end tax receipt.

The Chickasaw Foundation donates the money from this plan to local charities. One of the charities selected this year was The Salvation Army.

In this new century, The Salvation Army is serving more people in the USA than ever before. They continue to see increases in the number of Americans seeking the basic necessities of life; food, shelter and warmth. More than 33 million people received help from The Salvation Army in 2004. The local Salvation Army in Ada used the funds donated by the Chickasaw Foundation for their social services program which helps meet the needs of daily life for those without the resources to do so themselves. Often, the program provides food, shelter, clothing and financial assistance to pay utilities and other necessities based on the need.

Mr. Rob Jacks, Chickasaw Enterprises, was selected as the Employee Charitable Contribution Plan's Donor of the Year. Thank you to Mr. Jacks for his contribution and dedication to help make a difference in the lives of others.

Chickasaw Foundation Executive Director, Johnna Walker, l, and Rob Jacks, Employee Charitable Contribution Plan Donor of the Year.

'Its About Money'

SBICs, licensed by SBA, offer matching funds options

J.D. Colbert

By J.D. COLBERT

After last month's column about small business owners and venture capital, several people wrote in to ask more about Small Business Investment Companies (SBICs). So this month I will talk a bit more about SBICs. I will cover resources to find and locate an appropriate SBIC as well as how to approach an SBIC for financing.

SBICs are a specialized form of a venture capital company. SBICs are licensed by the Small Business Administration. One compelling reason that organizers of SBICs approach the SBA for a license is that the SBA is willing to provide matching funds to a licensed SBIC. The SBA matching funds can be as high as $3 dollars for every private $1 invested by the organizers. SBICs exist to provide equity capital and long-term loans to qualifying small businesses.

Small business owners have three major sources for searching for active SBICs. The first can be found on the SBA's website at www.sba.gov/inv. Here you will find a map of the U.S. Just click on the state in which you are located to find SBICs in your state. One of the things that I like about the SBA SBIC directory is that it will not only give you contact information but will also spell out the minimum and maximum investment for a particular SBIC as well as whether they offer debt or equity, funding stage preference, industry preference and geographic preference. Two other good sources to locate an SBIC can be found at the National Association of Small Business Investment Companies (www.nasbic.com). The third source is the National Association of Investment Companies website at www.naic.com.

Once you have identified an SBIC that you think is best suited to provide financing for your company, you'll need to prepare a presentation. Your presentation will play a major role in your success in obtaining financing. You must demonstrate to the SBIC that an investment in your company is worthwhile. The best way to do that is to provide concise and clear information about: your company, your company's products, company facilities and production capabilities, marketing strategies, your competition, yourself and your company's management, and, of course, detailed financial statements. They may want or need additional information prior to making an investment in your company but this is a good start.

Finally, you also should be aware of a special type of SBIC called an SSBIC, or a Specialized Small Business Investment Company. These are a particular type of SBIC that provide financial assistance and investments solely in small business owned by minorities or socially and economically disadvantaged persons. For that reason, Chickasaw small business owners may want to consider an SSBIC. Unfortunately, there is not now (and perhaps never has been) an SSBIC focused upon Native Americans.

Now that you have the resources to find SBICs and a game plan for to approach a targeted SBIC for financing, I want to wish you "Good luck" on your search for appropriate capital. Also, however, remember last month's admonition that "Control follows Money"!

J.D. Colbert serves as Executive Vice President, Native American Services at Bank2. Bank2 is a growing $80 million full service financial institution with its headquarters in Oklahoma City, OK. Bank2 is owned and operated by the Chickasaw Nation. It's About Money, is published monthly by Bank2, as a financial service to members of the Chickasaw Nation.

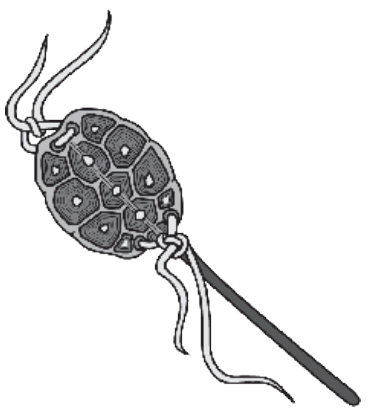
Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound program update

Upward Bound and Educational Talent Search staff who attended the conference. Front row from left, Kacie Burk, Elaine Benson and Susan Webb. Back row from left, Miguel Correa and Tracey Vasquez.

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound and Educational Talent Search staff attended the 34th Annual Southwest Association of Student Assistance Programs (SWASAP) conference in Albuquerque, NM on November 13th-16th. The conference theme was "Celebrating 40 Years of Reaching for the Stars!" Guest speakers included Dr. Arnold Mitchem, President of the Council for Opportunities in Education; Lucy Jones, Chair of the Council for Opportunities in Education and Coordinator of Trio Programs at Rich Mountain Community College in Mena, Arkansas; and Larry Oxendine, Director of Federal Trio Programs and a member of the federal government's Senior Executive Service. Staff attending included Susan Webb, Tracey Vasquez, Elaine Benson, Kaci Burke and Miguel Correa.

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound senior students attended Oklahoma University's Sooner Saturday on November 19th. The opening session included a welcome from the OU band and cheerleaders, and President David Boren who gave a message on the progress the University has made, and encouraged the prospective students to make OU their college choice. The students then toured the campus and visited the departments they were interested in for their college major. Students attending were Shane Woolly, Kim Lewis, Heather Baker, J.R. Wyler, Nick Lambert and Kayla Lafferty. Staff attending included Tracey Vasquez, Susan Webb and Rici Love.

Upward Bound students on a field trip.



Chickasaw Foundation Annual Winter Welcome

Tracie Carter, Johnna R. Walker and LaVerne Keeling wait to greet guests to the annual Winter Welcome.

Savannah River Chickasaws split to move east

By RICHARD GREEN
Contributing Writer

Author's Note:

Most accounts of even small servings of 18th century Chickasaw history contain significant gaps. The great majority of non-Indians had little interest in Chickasaw culture and the tribe had no written language.

While the writer of any version of history should acknowledge these gaps, plugging them with well-informed speculation often promotes further scholarship. If more evidence exists, it may be discovered by a researcher whose curiosity was kindled by a plausible but unconfirmed explanation.

At roughly the same time, 1722-23, two important and possibly inter-related events in Chickasaw history were recorded--one by the French and one by the English.

First, a letter by Louisiana Governor Bienville noted that Choctaws had destroyed three Chickasaw villages and in the process "brought in about four hundred scalps and taken one hundred prisoners." Second, the English colony of Carolina in 1722 invited the entire Chickasaw Nation to relocate to an area that is today in the state of Georgia, midway between Augusta and Atlanta.

While the Nation as a whole declined the invitation, some 80 to 100 Chickasaws under the leadership of a chief called Squirrel King apparently did relocate. Although colonial documents don't reveal exactly when this came to pass, English botanist Mark Catesby in 1723 arrived at Fort Moore (across the Savannah River from what would become Augusta, GA.) and mentioned he had contact with the Chickasaws.

Furthermore, a group of Chickasaws in September 1723 met with Carolina Governor Francis Nicholson and exchanged presents. It is also likely that Squirrel King gave Nicholson a deerskin map, perhaps painted by himself, to show the homeland tribe's precarious position almost encircled by the enemy French allied tribes, including the Choctaw, Illinois, Miamis, Quapaws and Kickapoos.

Circumstantial evidence suggests that the Squirrel King-led group may have been from one of those villages noted by Bienville. Furthermore, artifact evidence from much of the two settlement areas closest to the Choctaws also suggests that some villages were abandoned in the early 1720s.

Period maps indicate that many of the villages, using the same names, relocated to other Chickasaw homeland settlement areas. For example, Hykehah and Phalacheho, which were located in1720 on a 10-mile-long ridge, according to English trader James Adair, were shown on a 1737 French map to be part of a consolidation of several villages in another location that we know today is a few miles to the northeast.

On the other hand, another of Adair's 1720 villages, Yaneka, located along a six-mile-long ridge, is absent from post-1720 maps and documents. There is no colonial document saying or even hinting that Squirrel King led his people from Yaneka 600 miles to the Savannah River area near Carolina's Fort Moore. Yet it seems unlikely that these two events happened coincidentally.

Moreover, Squirrel King was said by Nicholson to be a renowned warrior with reputedly many kills to his credit. This could help explain two things. First, since factions of the Chickasaws and Choctaws had been raiding one another for years, it would behoove both tribes to place their best warriors in their barrier villages, and Yaneka was the closest to the Choctaw villages. Second, the followers of such an aggressive warrior could be expected to continue fighting for or along the tribe's long-time ally, Carolina. And by moving 600 miles closer to Charles Town, the tribe would have much better access to arms, food (if need be) and clothing.

Tony Carr

Still, more research is needed to solidify the Yaneka--Savannah River Chickasaw link. Fortunately, a retired university history professor, Dr. Edward Cashin, is conducting research for the first book-length manuscript on these expatriate Chickasaws. While he hasn't turned up anything so far on the Yaneka link, he has, among other discoveries, found and contacted a man, Tony Carr, who claims that he and many others living in the area of North Augusta, South Carolina, are descendants of the Savannah River Chickasaws.

Carr, a long-time land surveyor who was raised and lives in North Augusta, says his family always knew they were part Chickasaw. Later, he found some documentation. While they doesn't prove his link to the 18th century Chickasaws, he presented his evidence to a South Carolina state department, which certified him to be 25 percent Native American. The documentation shows Carr is descended from area persons listed on the 1870 census as Indian. The birth certificates of their descendants, however, identified them as white, Carr says, because a stigma was attached to being Indian in the early part of the 20th century. He says at least 200 others in the North Augusta area also claim a Chickasaw ancestry.

Soon after being certified as Native American by South Carolina, Carr publicly requested in January 2004 that a North Augusta riverfront development project be halted pending results of an archaeological survey. He and Cashin have copies of colonial documents showing that the Savannah River Chickasaws lived in the North Augusta area for more than half a century.

Since federal funds were involved in part of the development project, the survey has been ordered and according to Chad Long, South Carolina state archaeologist, will be conducted by a private archaeological firm within the next few months. Meanwhile, several tribes, including the Chickasaws, with historic ties to the area, have been notified by the South Carolina Department of Transportation.

That Carr and others would be descendants of the Savannah River Chickasaws is initially surprising only because historians familiar with these Indians note that they vacated their lands about the time of the American Revolutionary War. Most historians believe the Chickasaws eventually returned to their homeland in northeastern Mississippi. But, the idea of some Chickasaws remaining in this area for more than half a century (1723 to 1770s) isn't that novel. The family histories of some Mississippians and Alabamans include claims to their Chickasaw heritage.

Even if all Chickasaws did leave the Savannah River area before or during the Revolutionary War, it is documented that some returned after the war to reclaim the Chickasaw land west of Horse Creek and north of the Savannah River. According to a 1783 South Carolina ordinance, the lands of the Chickasaw were confiscated because they had "deserted to the enemy [the British]." In a move to reclaim their land in 1791, Chickasaw "beloved men" Thomas Brown and George Sutusky and "several other Chickasaw Indians" appealed this decision to the South Carolina lawmakers. The Chickasaws said when the war commenced, the majority of them proclaimed their neutrality and moved back to the homeland, maintaining that only a few sided with the British.

Of course, the Chickasaw appeal was denied. Not only did the state of South Carolina not need the Chickasaw in 1783, as the English colony of Carolina had needed them in 1739, the state didn't want them getting in the way of the white settlers. Even so, some of these Chickasaws may have resettled in the area, especially if they considered themselves to be Savannah River Chickasaws.

Reasons for Relocation

More research also may better document the Chickasaws' motive for moving to the Savannah River area. Some of them, possibly opposed to the lengthy and incessant warfare with the French and their Indian allies, may have been seeking refuge. This doesn't necessarily mean that this group of Chickasaws were pacifists or fearful. It is important to note that these Chickasaws and subsequently other emigrants always settled on trading routes to the homeland. This suggests that they were strategically placed to played a role in keeping the routes open and protected.

If most Chickasaws accepted Carolina's invitation to relocate closer to English support and protection near Fort Moore (on the bank of the Savannah on the Carolina side), they understood that the quid pro quo was aiding or buffering the colony against enemy Indian attacks. According to Thomas Nairne in 1708, a *fane mingo* or squirrel king, usually an esteemed warrior, was chosen by one family to protect another one. It is possible that the warrior who became Squirrel King took the name because he had been selected by the English to help protect their colony. He may have felt duty bound to accept, but it is also true that the Chickasaws received annual gifts, scalp bounties and rewards for the capture of runaway slaves. In 1739, the Carolina Assembly granted the Chickasaws a deed to the land, upon which they had settled, of some 21,774 acres.

Historian Wendy St. Jean interprets the Chickasaw motive a bit differently. In a sense, Savannah River Chickasaw warriors, "conducted war in distant places to get firearms for their homeland's defense because their presence in the vicinity of the British colonies kept the British mindful of the far Chickasaw nation's welfare.

"Because Choctaws were ambushing English packtrains, warriors in the far Chickasaw nation [homeland] were hard pressed to obtain firearms from Carolina, making Squirrel King's relocation near the colony imperative." English arms and supplies via two overland trade routes were the crucial lifelines to the Chickasaw homeland in the 1750s.

Squirrel King's Leadership

If Squirrel King was valuable to the homeland, he and English officials also held each other in high esteem. Once, when relations between his warriors and the English had grown tense, he told his men that the English were their "best friends," and warned them that further quarreling would result in his abandoning them "to be made French slaves." He and his warriors defended Carolina against French and Spanish-allied Indians. In campaigns against Spanish Florida, Squirrel King's warriors were described by an English officer as the finest "pickt Men."

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Indians suseptible to diabetes

Diabetes Prevention Program works to hold off disease

It is no secret that diabetes has affected the American Indian community on drastic levels. According to the American Diabetes Association (ADA), seven percent of the American population has the disease. The same studies show that 12.8% of American Indians and Alaska Natives have been diagnosed. The Chickasaw Nation Health System states that 17% of its patients are diabetic.

Those are dramatic numbers, but there is hope. Diabetes can be prevented.

Through funding provided by Congress and studies conducted by the Indian Health Service (IHS), facts show that individuals who have been diagnosed with pre-diabetes can prevent or delay the onset of diabetes with simple lifestyle changes.

This is valuable information considering the ADA shows that 41 million Americans have been diagnosed with pre-diabetes. That's more than twice as many (20.8 million) than those that have diabetes.

With the publication of the IHS findings, the Chickasaw Nation Health System decided to become proactive in helping its citizens prevent the disease. Through a grant provided by Special Diabetes Programs for Indians, the Special Diabetes Prevention Program was developed.

American Indians over the age of 18 who have been diagnosed or believe they may have pre-diabetes can volunteer for the prevention program. It includes classes on healthier eating and physical activity, health monitoring and is intended to educate and motivate participants.

The program is based on nutrition and exercise since the research shows that, by just exercising 150 minutes per week and losing approximately seven percent of body weight, diabetes can be prevented.

Those who are interested in reducing their risk for developing diabetes and would like to participate in the prevention program can contact the Physical Activity Lifestyle Specialist (P.A.L.S.) in their community. Call 1-800-851-9136 and the extension below to schedule a meeting and glucose test to confirm eligibility.

P.A.L.S. includes:

Ada – Martha Eck at the Diabetes Care Center, ext. 82266

Ardmore – Nola Runyan at the Ardmore Wellness Center, ext. 82262

Purcell – Wade Boyles at the Purcell Health Clinic, ext. 82271

Sulphur/Tish – Teeoti Littlefield at the Sulphur Area Office, (580) 622-2888 ext. 20

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

Could You Have Pre-diabetes?

Some risk factors include:

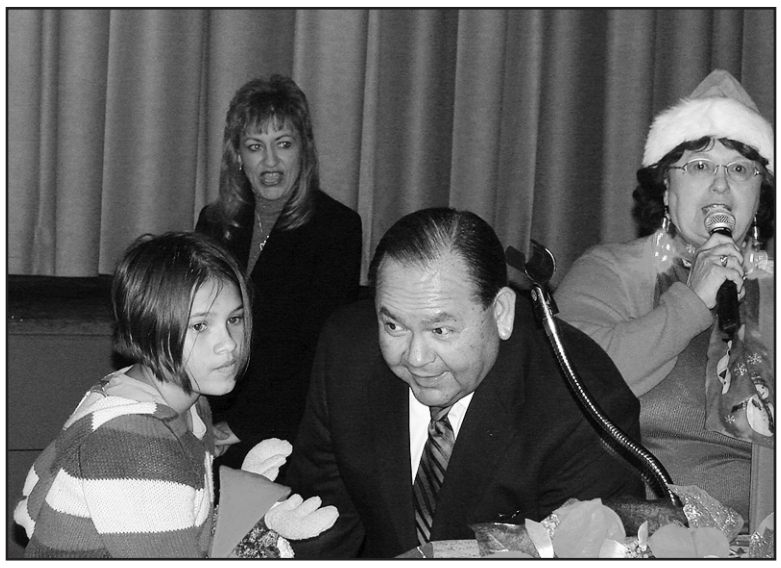
- Someone in your family has diabetes
- You weigh more than you should
- You had a condition called "gestational diabetes" when you were pregnant
- You had a baby weighing more than 9 pounds
- A doctor or nurse has said you have a "touch of sugar" or are "borderline"

Diabetes Prevention Program staff include, seated, Martha Eck and Nola Runyan. Standing, Wade Boyles, Teeoti Littlefield and Shon McCage, Health Promotions Specialist.

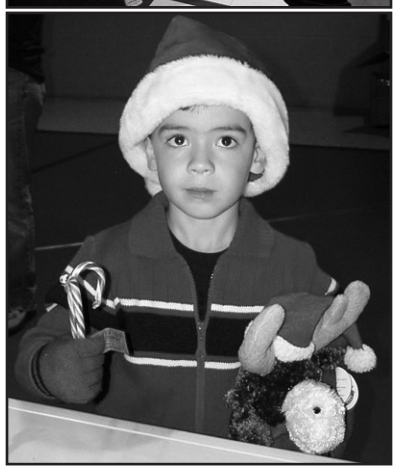
Senior Citizens sites gather to celebrate Christmas

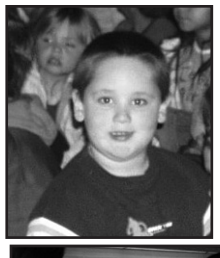
Children's Christmas Celebration

Easton Going was selected to assist Governor Anoatubby with turning on the Ada Christmas tree lights. Also pictured are Jay Keel (front) and Easton's dad Tyson Going (back).



Above, preparing to turn on the Christmas lights in Ardmore. Below, Santa and some children counting the days until Christmas.





Chelsea James along with her grandmother Deanna Kendall help Lt. Governor Keel with turning the lights on the Tishomingo Christmas tree.

Kamron Cupp and Lt. Governor Keel turn on the Christmas tree lights in Sulphur.

Book review

'I Hate School – How to Help your Child Love Learning'

"Even students who are getting good grades often hate school," Cynthia Tobias, author of "I Hate School – How to Help Your Child Love Learning," points out in the introduction to this fast-paced and informative book.

She then asks some very basic questions. "Could it have anything to do with the fact that (students) have to sit in uncomfortable desks, come at the wrong time of day, and frequently have to pay attention to a lot of information that is presented in ways that don't make sense to them?"

Answering her own questions in the affirmative, she goes on to provide a number of practical ways to help any child enjoy school more and possibly improve his or her academic performance along the way.

Working from the idea that the one-size-fits-all approach most schools embrace does not fit every student, Ms. Tobias accepts that fact that wholesale change of the education system will not happen overnight, if ever.

Instead, she opts for an individual approach.

"We must help each and every child discover his or her own strengths and use those strengths to overcome limitations and achieve success – even if those strengths are at odds with what the traditional classroom demands," she writes.

Those strengths may be apparent in how the child reacts to the physical environment and in his or her individual learning style.

Ms. Tobias presents a variety of ways to adjust the home study situation to auditory, visual and kinetic learning styles.

Simply asking open-ended questions and listening to what an auditory learner has to say about what they learned in school may be very helpful.

A kinetic learner may benefit from going over school work while walking, shooting hoops, or playing catch.

Other students may benefit from taking advantage of their natural response to the environment.

Adjusting the schedule to accommodate a "night owl" or a "morning person" can make a great difference in the attitude and performance of a student.

Making as many preparations the night before school so a "night owl" can sleep a few minutes later can make a real difference, according to Ms. Tobias.

Similarly, letting a "morning person" get up an hour early to do her homework when she is at her best may also be helpful.

Other methods to improve performance may include allowing a student to do homework in a comfortable chair or lying on the floor rather than sitting at a desk or table.

Regardless of the adjustment, however, she notes that the student must still be accountable by proving that the adjustment actually improves performance.

Ms. Tobias also points out that it may not always be possible to make adjustments to accommodate learning styles or environmental preferences.

In those cases, students who understand their own strengths and preferences may be better able to cope with difficult situations.

For more information or to order, visit www.applest.com or call (253) 862-6200.

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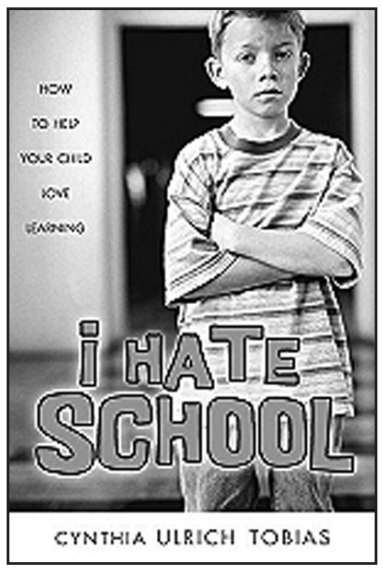


Lazer Zone now features miniature golf, black light bowling and more

ADA, Okla. - The Lazer Zone Family Fun Center in Ada has recently updated its facilities to enhance and expand its already spacious entertainment center.

A 3-D, black light, nine-hole miniature golf course has been added to a lineup of fun activities that includes 24 lanes of black light bowling, a two-story laser tag arena, a three-level Kids Zone play area and the area's largest retro arcade.

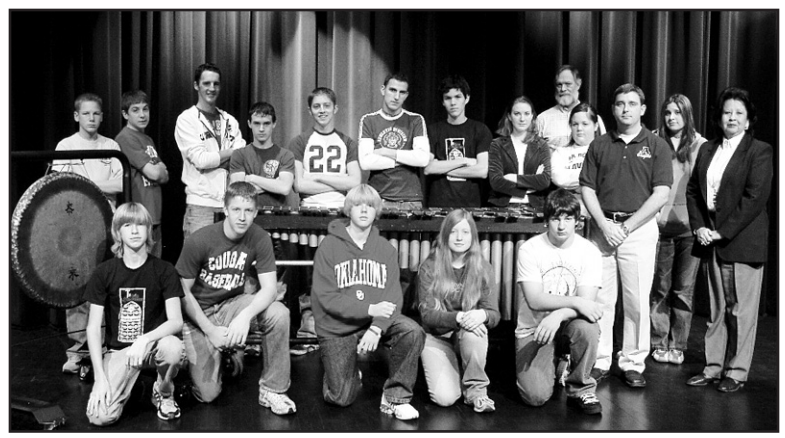
Miniature golf participants experience a pirate's world that comes to life under the black lights. Golfers may also choose to play the course using 3-D glasses provided by the Lazer Zone for an extra, fun effect.

Children and adults can enjoy nine holes on a ship, in the treasure room and under water with giant sea turtles and sharks.

Check the Lazer Zone website at www.lazer-zone.net for pricing and information on parties and special events. The Lazer Zone is located at the west end of Main Street on Latta Road in Ada.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

Carl Albert helps Ada Band



Members of the Ada High School Band Percussion Ensemble with their newly repaired instruments. The Chickasaw Nation and Carl Albert Indian Health Facility Maintenance Department assisted the band with the repairs. Also in the picture are Lee Phillips, Carl Albert BioMed; Jay Cloar, Percussion Ensemble Director; and Debbie Jackson, Carl Albert Customer Service.

Angel Tree gifts

Chickasaw Nation Division of Program Operations delivered hundreds of Angel Tree gifts to children across the Chickasaw Nation. Ada area office workers and friends pose with the Angel Tree and gifts. From left, Windell Alfred, Pam Aguilar, Saundra Seeley, Kamberlie Chapman, Frances Fortner, Louise Shields (kneeling), Cheryl Willis and Jim Perry. Not pictured, Marilyn Coltz and Linda Byrd.

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The motion to approve GR23-012 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 23-013, Oil and Gas Lease in Pittsburg County

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Chesapeake Exploration Limited Partnership, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, who has submitted an acceptable bid of $627.57 per acre for a total bonus of $62,757.00. The Chickasaw Nation shall receive $15,689.25, on property belonging to the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations, Pittsburg County, Oklahoma, containing 100.00 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $300.00. The Chickasaw Nation will receive $75.00 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR23-013. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Mitch Sperry, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-013 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 23-014, Oil and Gas Lease in Pittsburg County

This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Lease in favor of Encore Acquisition Company, Fort Worth, Texas, who submitted an acceptable bid of $325.00 per acre for a total bonus of $45,500.00. The Chickasaw Nation shall receive $11,375.00, on property belonging to the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations in Pittsburg County, Oklahoma, containing 140.00 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $420.00. The Chickasaw Nation will receive $105.00 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR23-014. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Mitch Sperry, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-014 carried unanimously.

General Resolution 23-015, Affirming General Resolutions 21-008 (Authorizing an

Acquisition of Property in Carter County)

This resolution affirms General Resolution 21-008 for the purpose of specifically identifying the legal description as requested by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR23-015. The motion was seconded by Ms. Green.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Mitch Sperry, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-015 carried unanimously.

General Resolution 23-016, Affirming General Resolution 20-065 (Authorizing an Acquisition of Property in Garvin County)

This resolution affirms General Resolution 20-065 previously approved on June20, 2003, for the purpose of specifically identifying the legal description as requested by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker to approve GR23-016. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Mitch Sperry, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

13 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-016 carried unanimously.

Dr. Goforth Parker concluded her report.

(E) EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Wanda Blackwood Scott

No report.

(F) HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Mary Jo Green

No report.

(G) HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Wilson Seawright

Mr. Seawright reported that several Legislators attended the opening of the Oklahoma Historical Center in Oklahoma City, in which one wing was dedicated to the Native Americans in Oklahoma. He invited everyone to tour the facility. He also noted that November was Native American month.

(H) COURT DEVELOPMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT by Chairman Tim Colbert

Permanent Resolution Number 23-001, Amendments to Title 5, Chapter 2 Section

204.10 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Publication Service Upon Parties)

This resolution amends Section 5-204.10 of the Chickasaw Nation Code pertaining to service by publication to named parties and unnamed successors of named parties. The amendments modify the required places of publication.

A motion was made by Mr. Tim Colbert to approve PR23-001. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sperry.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Mitch Sperry, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

13 yes votes

The motion to approve PR23-001 carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Comments from Mr. David Love

There was no new business to discuss. Mr. Love was not present for comments. Mr. Jim Humes noted an error on the agenda. He stated he appreciated the passage of General Resolution 23-019, Resolution in Support of American Military Personnel and Veterans, and he declined to write a resolution creating a veterans and warrior's society. He requested help from the Legislature regarding medical assistance for a citizen.

Ms. Sue Simmons made comments on Nation's debts and on an email she received from a Legislator.

Mr. Mike Watson made comments on General Resolution 23-020, Request and Accounting of the Chickasaw Nation Trust Assets and Funds from the United States Government, the lack of communication to the Ardmore Senior Citizens regarding the ground breaking in Oklahoma City, and matters concerning the Ardmore Clinic.

Ms. Kathleen Stoner commented on a prospective senior site in Duncan.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:48 am.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Briggs, Secretary Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Prepared by:Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

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General Resolution Number 23-026

Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors of Chickasaw Nation Bank Holding Company

Mr. James A. Jennings, III

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. James A. Jennings, III, to the Board of Directors of the Chickasaw Nation Bank. Mr. Jennings will fill an unexpired term which is to be determined by the Bank's charter. A copy of Mr. Jennings' vitae has been provided to the Legislature.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

The Chickasaw Nation

Presented By: Dean McManus, Chairman Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Mitch Sperry, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number GR23-027

Approval of Development Budget Amendment

Explanation: The Chickasaw Nation leases office space to the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The building that the Nation is currently leasing to them is too small for their needs and the available parking is insufficient. The original concept was to provide an office building that would address these two issues. During early development of this concept, it became apparent that economic constraints imposed by certain Federal regulations were threatening the viability of the project. At the same time other needs were identified of office space for other government and government related services. A decision was made to pursue this idea and develop plans for a facility that is now known as the Government Services Building.

This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget in the amount of $1,673,430 for the construction of a new Government Services Building and $241,125 for the construction of a new craft room at the Tishomingo Senior Site.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented by: Linda Briggs, Chairman Finance Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Wilson Seawright, Mitch Sperry, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

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All this being so, their warfare with the Catawbas, who also were English allies, demonstrated that their need to defend and avenge themselves took priority over the tribe's alliance with the English. This warfare with the Catawbas angered Carolina Governor James Glen, who initially admired them and then called them a "pack of renegadoes." Perhaps as punishment, he relaxed enforcement of the rigid restrictions on whites settling on Chickasaw land.

On the other hand, Edmond Atkin, the Indian superintendent for Britain's southern colonies, believed that Squirrel King had "more personal Weight and Authority than any other [chief], his talks being listened to attentively by other Nations as well as his own." The Carolina Commons House in 1748 presented the chief a "personal cutlass, pistol and munitions" for his service to the colony.

As early as the 1730s, some of the Chickasaws moved across the Savannah River into Georgia to new settlements, and some of them assisted with the construction of Fort Augusta in 1737. (The fort's site today is within a stone's throw of the Savannah River adjacent to downtown Augusta, Ga.) Perhaps clan differences led to the separation, but English official Daniel Pepper wrote that increasing white encroachment and horse and livestock thievery later led the Chickasaws to exchange part of their Horse Creek land with trader Lachlan McGillivray for land about 12 miles downriver from Augusta in an area that became known as New Savannah.

By the 1750s, the reign of Squirrel King (then in his 50s or 60s) apparently was drawing to a close. Other leaders, such as Mingo Stoby (also known as Succatabee) and a medicine man known by the British as the "Old Doctor" replace Squirrel King's prominence in the colonial journals. Since Squirrel King's name doesn't appear after 1757, he may have died about that time, but there is no death notice.

His successor, Succatabee, told Carolina officials in 1765 that not even the elders could recall the boundaries of their Horse Creek reservation, and he asked for a resurvey of the 1739 land grant of 21,774 acres. References to this land grant and the plat exist in the colonial records, but the original plat has been missing for many years.

But by 1765, identification of boundaries wasn't the issue. Boundaries were irrelevant to white settlers because British officials looked the other way.

Saving Savannah River Sites?

This uncertainty over the boundaries of the Chickasaw reservation was relevant to Tony Carr in 2004 when he was calling for an archaeological survey of the proposed riverfront development project. In response to the ambiguity, a local historian, Bettis C. Rainsford, wrote a paper for the Edgefield County (S.C.) Historical Society, in which he analyzed the pertinent colonial records to plot on a map his presumed location of the Chickasaw reservation.

He concluded that the proposed development project was near but not within the reservation. He also stated that the Chickasaws, who "were somewhat nomadic," could have settled for a time in the development area. Rainsford's well-informed but speculative plotting of the Chickasaw reservation seems to be credible scholarships, says the state archaeologist of South Carolina, Chad Long, who e-mailed me a copy of Rainsford's graphic interpretation of the reservation.

But in order to preserve the tribal sites that are doubtless within the Chickasaws' historic Horse Creek lands from more than a half century of occupation, two other kinds of evidence would be helpful. One is a concentration of physical evidence on the ground, such as potsherds and other artifacts. The other is records or recollections of excavations. If and when further evidence turns up, we will keep you advised.

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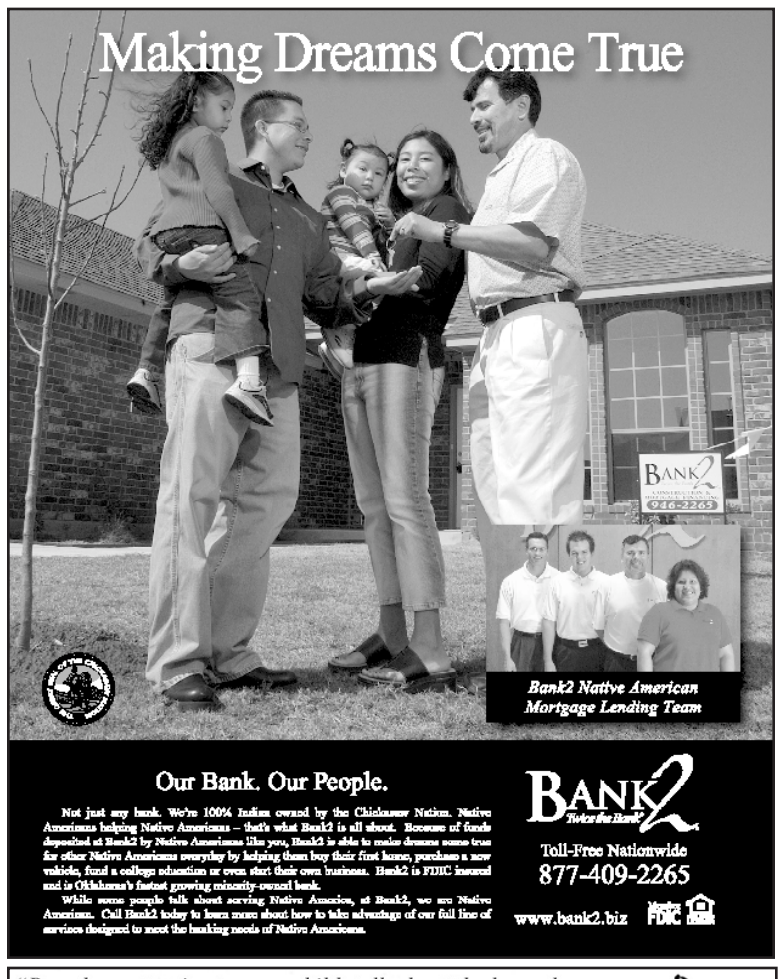
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Jesse C. Kinney

Jesse C. Kinney died Nov. 19, 2005. Services were at the First Baptist Church, Farmers Branch, Texas. Interment was in Furneau Cemetery, Carrollton, Texas.

He was born March 28, 1915 at Sulphur, Okla., to Mary Tinsley Kinney and Levi Kinney, an original enrollee.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, John Leslie Kinney; two brothers, Walter and W.T.; and four sisters, Angie, Oleta, Betheen and M. Grace.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret McCarthy Kinney; a son, Walter L. Kinney and wife Karen; daughter-in-law, Sandra; granddaughters, Sharon and husband Fred Timmons and Leslie Brooke Kinney McWhorter; a brother, Mack G. Kinney; and several nieces and newphews.

Ronald Walter Hawley

Ronald Walter Hawley died Nov. 22, 2005 at Sharon Springs, Kan. A family service was Nov. 28, 2005 at Swaim's Funeral Chapel, Dodge City with Rev. Dick Robbins officiating.

He was born Nov. 30, 1951 to Ralph Randolph Hawley and Thelma Greer Hawley at Hugoton, Kan.

He graduated from Oklahoma State University, Okmulgee. He served his country with two tours of duty in Viet Nam as a Sp4 with the HHC 502 ASA GP and was honorably discharged with numerous commendations. He is survived by three daughters, Jennifer Marie Hawley and Erica Christine Hawley Ricke, both of Lawrence, Kan., and Heather Michelle Hawley, DeSoto, Kan.; a brother, Ralph Michael Hawley and wife Carol of Manitou Springs, Colo.; and two sisters, Charlotte Hawley Chaffin and husband Gary, of Dodge City, and Charlene Hawley Hildebrand and husband Darrell, of Innsbrook, Mo.

Expressions of condolences can be sent in care of Koons Funeral Home, 221 North Main, Goodland, KS 67135-1555

Franklin Lee Worcester

Services for Franklin Lee "Frank" Worcester Sr., 55, Ada, were Wednesday November 9, 2005 at Criswell Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Bill Frazier officiating. Burial followed in Pontotoc (OK) Cemetery.

The Chickasaw Honor Guard conducted military honors at the cemetery.

Mr. Worcester died Saturday, Nov. 5, 2005 at his home. He was born Dec. 6, 1949, at Talihina, Okla., to Cecil Franklin and Audra Faye Cravatt Worcester.

He lived in the Ada, Okla., area all of his life, attending school at Pontotoc and McLish (OK).

Mr. Worcester married Rosie Kilcrease March 9, 1992, at Ada. He was a roughneck in the oil field for several oil companies. He was a member of the Blue Baptist Church and served in the U.S. Army from 1968-1969 during the Vietnam Era.

Survivors include his wife, Rosie Worcester, of the home; four sons, Frankie Worcester Jr., California, Michael Worcester, Ada, Damian Hulbutta, Edmond, Okla., and Brandon Hulbutta and his wife Kelli, Ada; three daughters, Julia Worcester and her daughter, Abagale, of the home, Iris Tiger and her husband Robert, Ada, and Heather Parks and her husband Glenn, Ada; nine grandchildren; a brother, Roy Worcester and his wife Dinah, Pontotoc; two uncles, Melvin Worcester, Byng, Okla., and D.D. Worcester, Ardmore, Okla.; four nephews; and seven nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and two brothers, Lester Worcester and Tony Worcester.

Bearers were Bill Worcester, Bobby Sweet, Lloyd Kilcrease, Dewayne James, Sonny Prince, Jimmy James, Larry Colbert, and Roman Kilcrease Jr.

In Memory of
Millie Palmer
Nov. 24, 1930-Jan. 01, 2005

Remembrance,

You can shed tears that she is gone and you can smile, because she has lived. You can close your eyes and pray that she'll come back or you can open your eyes and see all she has left.

You hear can be empty, because you can't see her or you can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday.

Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday. You can remember her and only that she is gone or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.

You can cry and let it live on or you can cry and close your mind. Be empty and turn your back or you can do what she want, Smile, open your eyes, love and go on.

I love you,
Forever in my heart
Raymond Palmer Sr.
Nov. 24, 2005

In Loving Tribute to my Mother
Joyce (Engle) Walker
May 14, 1928 – Oct. 26, 1985

Daughter of original Chickasaw enrollee Almeda & Bill Engle

20 years gone, but not forgotten

Hey Mom,

I made a batch of homemade peanut brittle the other night, and the memories of you came flooding in. I smile when I remember how you were always creating magic in the kitchen.

I want you to know that you are a strong bright positive influence in my life. Your loving, nurturing care helped shape me into the person I am today. I want to thank you for all you did in my life. I love you Mom. I didn't always say that or show it when you were alive, but I'll always mean it down to my core. I love you!

Your daughter forever,
Julia Walker

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young man with a great future before him. We were excited about the talents and wealth of knowledge he would bring as a Chickasaw legislator. He had a promising future in Chickasaw politics. This loss is a tragedy. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Sperry family during this difficult time."

Mr. Sperry was very active in his home community of Ardmore, and was looking forward to a career in the Chickasaw legislature. He was elected Oklahoma District 50 district attorney in 1998 and was reelected in 2002.

He was a longtime Ardmore volunteer youth sports coach, and had served on several community boards and committees. He currently served on the board of the Ardmore Mayor's Task Force on Crime, and served on the finance committee of First United Methodist Church of Ardmore. He had previously served on the boards of the Ardmore Area Children's Center, Sunshine Industries for the Mentally Challenged, and the City of Ardmore Parks and Recreation program. He was a past president of the Ardmore Higher Education Center.

Mr. Sperry was honored by his peers in 2004 when he was selected "District Attorney of the Year" in Oklahoma.

A 1979 graduate of Ardmore High School, he earned a bachelor's degree in business management from East Central (OK) University in 1983. In 1987, he earned his law degree from Oklahoma City University School of Law.

Prior to becoming district attorney, Mr. Sperry was managing partner and president of the Ardmore law firm Moody, Sperry & Daniels. He had previously served as a partner in the Ardmore firm of Kern, Mordy & Sperry, and as an associate with the Ardmore firm of Thompson & Cawley.

Mr. Sperry is survived by his wife, Cynthia Ann; a daughter, Haley; and a son, Britton, all of the home; and his parents, Robert and Patricia Sperry, of Ardmore.

Funeral services were Friday, Dec. 23 at First United Methodist Church of Ardmore.